

CYBHWG Workforce & Rates Subcommittee

Agenda Items	Notes
<p>Update on workforce/rates priorities</p>	<p>Priorities updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Recommendations were reviewed. • Updates on priority and support Items were given: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rate increase: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7% rate increase as a minimum ▪ The 7% rate increase should apply to Community BH Agencies for both Medicaid and nonMedicaid covered services. ▪ Waiting to see what is in the Governor’s budget. ○ Compensation for Lived Experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stakeholder meetings have taken place, convened by Rep. Gregerson. ▪ Several bills are in the works and details are being worked out. ○ CCBHCs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tentatively scheduled to be discussed in the BH Subcommittee the 1st Friday of session. ▪ Working with Rep. Leavitt on the proviso language. ▪ Waiting to see what’s in the Governor’s budget. ○ Clinical Supervision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting with Rep. Rule on language. ▪ Talking with Marriage and Family Therapists and Social Workers. ▪ The proposal, likely to be a proviso, is to create a workgroup to figure out pathways to becoming licensed. ▪ Questions arose related to who should lead/oversee the work. <p>Behavioral Health Integration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCA is enthusiastic and creative about finding mechanisms to propose to fund Community Health Workers/Health Navigators in primary care for family well-being and kids’ mental health, without establishing a new licensure or certification requirement, and still maximizing federal investment/match. • They also have ideas and ways to propose financing BH integration start-up funds for primary care, maximizing federal investment. • Key leads (BHI Subgroup chairs and others) are meeting with HCA on an ongoing basis. • Once HCA has identified approach, we expect a bill draft for Community Health Workers/Health Navigators in primary care (Frockt as prime sponsor). • In the event the bill does not pass we would seek a budget proviso. • For start-up funding we will pursue proviso only. • CCBHCs: Bridge funding request for HCAs to expand Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). • 12 expansions of CCBHC programs with federal funding of 2 million for a 2 yr. grant to start CCBHC models in clinics. • Working on getting budget number.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCA is interested in the CCBHC model and the potential of bridge funding. <p>Chat: CYBHWG 2022 recommendations report</p>
<p>Updates</p>	<p>Work Force Board (WFB) top items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7% rate increase. • Increased funding for behavioral health loan repayment program. • Washington Student Achievement Council is opening eligibility in loan repayment program for associate level students. • Grants for retention incentive bonuses. • Clinical supervision work group. • Resources and took kit to offer supports for behavioral health needs. • Credentialing – uniform roster submission process among the 5 plans. <p>The WFB will do a complete review of all of the recommendations in 2022.</p> <p>Agency credentialing group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe reported that there has been 1 meeting and approx. 15 people attended. • There was agreement to keep meeting; however, a lead is needed. • Sarah Walker thinks that the work she is involved with at the EBPI is aligned with the focus of this group and will talk with Joe about taking the lead. • The main issue/focus would be on improving the process and establishing a uniform process across the plans. <p>Behavioral Health Institute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding apprenticeships, the Training Fund and BHI are staffing up. • Standards were submitted to L and I, development of the curriculum is underway, and employer engagement is moving forward. • Partnerships with 4 year schools are developing to help ensure that credits are accepted (from apprenticeships). • In communication with UW School of Social Work and partnering around peer credentialing. <p>Teaching Clinic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with actuaries Dec. 16th. • Doing the provider survey now. • Will have more to report at a future meeting. <p>Access Survey: The survey should be ready for review soon!</p> <p>Chat: BHWAC preliminary report</p>
<p>Meeting(s) during session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet 1 time mid-way through session. • Laurie and Hugh will send a date soon. In addition to the meeting, regular updates will be sent related to the priorities from the Workgroup.

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Attendees:

Marci Bloomquist, Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)
Rachel Burke, Health Care Authority (HCA)
Tina Burrell, HCA
James Chaney, Department of Health (DOH)
Mary Clogstone, Legislative Staff
Hawa Elias, CHPW
Jessie Friedmann, Youthcare
Megan Gillis, Molina Healthcare
Whitney Howard, Molina Healthcare
Joe LeRoy, HopeSparks
Representative Mari Leavitt, Washington State Legislature
Laurie Lippold, Partners for Our Children
Melody McKee, University of Washington (UW)
Joan Miller, Washington Council for Behavioral Health
Cindy Myers, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

Julia O'Connor, Workforce Training and Education Board
Avery Park
Steve Perry, HCA
Sheryl Schwartz, Behavioral Health Institute at Harborview Medical Center
Sara Stewart, Washington Mental Health Counselor Association (WMHCA)
Mary Stone-Smith, Catholic Community Services
Ashlen Strong, Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA)
Andrew Toulon, Legislative Staff
Andy Tucker, Children's Home Society of Washington
Sarah Walker, UW
Alex Wehinger, Washington State Medical Association (WSMA)
Cynthia Wiek, HCA