

ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 10-10-01

APPROVAL OF MENTAL HEALTH NON-MEDICAID INITIATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, commencing in the Fall of 2009, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County has been engaged in three interlocking Non-Medicaid Initiatives intended to ensure that, in a dollar-limited system, treatment goes to uninsured, adult mental health consumers in Cuyahoga County who need it the most.

The three initiatives are:

- 1) **Central Intake Pilot Project (CIPP)-Phase I** which ran from January 4, 2010 to July 4, 2010. The goals of CIPP were:
 - (1) to study the feasibility of providing a single point of entry for uninsured adults into the public mental health system and
 - (2) to provide baseline system-wide data about the individuals being referred into the public mental health system.
- 2) **Agency Non-Medicaid Reviews** occurred twice in the last fiscal year: once in December 2009 and again in May of 2010. The goals of the Reviews were:
 - (1) to better understand the current non-Medicaid population,
 - (2) to identify barriers to Medicaid eligibility, and
 - (3) to provide utilization data to the agencies.
- 3) **Service Benefit Package** creation occurred simultaneously during the CIPP. The goals of creating a standardized service benefit package were:
 - (1) to distinguish the services needed by consumers based on their diagnosis, severity of symptoms, and level of function
 - (2) to begin to study utilization of services in a standard way across the entire mental health system and
 - (3) to identify consumers who may not be appropriate for the public mental health system.

This process represents an ongoing attempt to define the service population and the appropriate services based on diagnosis, severity of symptoms, and level of function.

WHEREAS, based upon the progress which has been made, the ADAMHS Board staff makes the following recommendations regarding the three Non-Medicaid initiatives:

- a) Continue the central intake and assessment project which will now be known as SCALE since :
 - SCALE is needed to increase consistency in the Level of Care assignment, to increase diagnostic reliability, and to link accurately consumers to ongoing care.
 - SCALE should increase access to care for uninsured adults.
 - In partnership with Mobile Crisis and with AOD Centralized Intake, SCALE will improve access for clients in crisis and clients with dual diagnosis.
 - With one site doing SCALE, the feedback loop for quality improvement becomes quicker and more easily accomplished.
 - Ongoing peer review with ADAMHS Board staff oversight is needed to maintain fidelity to the process.

- b) Continue Non-Medicaid Reviews twice per year.
- c) Implement the following recommendations regarding public benefits:
 - Hire a benefits coordinator at each agency.
 - Put an "Individual Benefit Plan" into every consumer's treatment plan.
 - Review the Individual Benefit Plan via the Compliance Review function of the ADAMHS Board.
 - Through an MOU/BAA with ODJFS, increase coordination and information sharing about spend-downs, redeterminations, and application status.
- d) Continue the development of the Service Benefit Package.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The ADAMHS Board of Directors approves the following ADAMHS Board staff's recommendations regarding the three Non-Medicaid initiatives:
 - 1. Continue the central intake and assessment project which will now be known as SCALE; and,
 - 2. Continue the Non-Medicaid Reviews twice per year; and,
 - 3. Implement the following recommendations regarding public benefits:
 - Hire a benefits coordinator at each agency.
 - Put an "Individual Benefit Plan" into every consumer's treatment plan.
 - Review the Individual Benefit Plan via the Compliance Review function of the ADAMHS Board.
 - Increase coordination and information sharing about spend-downs, redeterminations, and application status.
 - 4. Continue the development of the Service Benefit Package.
- B. The ADAMHS Board Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to implement the recommendations regarding the three Non-Medicaid initiatives, subject to the availability of funding.

On the motion of Mary Warr, seconded by Rick Kemm, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

AYES: D. Biegel, R. Blue, C. Brown, E. Cash, M. Crosby, P. Jones, R. Kemm, H. Snider, E. Thoms, M. Warr, A. Williams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: R. Folbert, B. Gohlstin

DATE ADOPTED: October 27, 2010