

**CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MH/DS PROGRAM
HEALTHCHOICES DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT**

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I. HealthChoices Department

The Quality Improvement (QI) Department achieved high marks from the Department of Human Services (DHS) on the submission of our recent Root Cause Analysis (RCA). The RCA focused on how to increase the number of individuals linked to outpatient services after inpatient psychiatric hospitalization within seven (7) days. The initial submission was actually presented as a model response and shared with all other county oversight entities who contract with Community Care.

II. Community Care

CMP HC and Community Care continue to hold regular meetings with Community Care to review the program operations. Monthly network status meetings are proceeding smoothly and we continue to add providers to the CMP network. Monthly administrative meetings are held to review any operational issues and review the program's operations. Monthly claims and finance meetings are also held to monitor the fiscal side of the program.


Community Care is working with CMP HC and the Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services (BHRS, aka "Wraparound") providers to implement another round of Ecosystemic Structural Family Therapy (ESFT) training. The training takes a full year to complete and will continue to enhance the number of therapists trained in this model to be able to continue to expand our "Rapid Response" program. We expect to also expand the data collected on the youth/families who work with the program to continue to support our efforts to set this model up as a best-practice in Pennsylvania.

III. Operations Update

Ongoing operations of the HealthChoices program in CMP continue to proceed smoothly. All advisory committee meetings are continuing to proceed on their regular, quarterly schedule. Quality and Care Management Committee meetings continue to be held on schedule.

CMP HC wants to thank Dr. Laurene Clossey and Dr. Hu from East Stroudsburg University for their hard work in assisting CMP HC and Dr. Sims (Philadelphia Child and Family Therapy Institute) in their efforts to document the impact of the ESFT/Rapid Response program. Their diligence and hard work has resulted in a scholarly article that is going to be published in the Community Mental Health Journal. The article is titled, "A Pilot Evaluation of The Rapid Response Program: a Home Based Family Therapy Program". We look forward to continuing to collecting data and working with Dr. Clossey on future publications.

Respectfully submitted,


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