

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

January 2020

I. HealthChoices Department

The HealthChoices Department is working to insure that all former providers of Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services (BHRS) successfully transition their programs/services to the new Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) regulations (now codified in Pennsylvania code). The new regulations resulted from a lawsuit settlement and will insure that better training and supervision will occur, as well as a variety of other requirements to improve both the services and access to them. CY2020 will be a transition year. The Commonwealth and all of their partners are working to insure that providers transition their services as seamlessly as possible.

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.

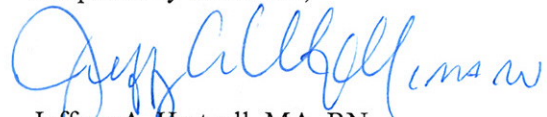
Community Care is working with the Systems of Care (SOC) Coordinator, Larissa Kimmel, to offer Parent-Child Interactional Therapy (PCIT) training for providers throughout the Joinder. They are working to offer a "train-the-trainer" program to insure that this evidence-based practice (EBP) treatment model becomes more widely available to our members on a consistent basis.

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.

Community Care and CMP HC have named the successful candidate to develop an additional outpatient mental health (OPMH) clinic in northern Monroe County. The provider selected is Omni – a provider with a history of successful OPMH services in the Lehigh Valley and Scranton areas. We are excited as they begin to develop their site and initiate the licensing/credentialing processes. Intermediate Unit #20 (IU#20) was also selected to develop a school-based OPMH clinic in conjunction with the Pocono Mountain Area School District (PMASD). IU#20 has already begun this process in conjunction with the PMASD.

Respectfully submitted,



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