

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

October 2020

I. HealthChoices Department

The HealthChoices Program, Community Care, and CMP Systems of Care (SOC) have been working collaboratively to bring a new Peer Specialist service to CMP. The program (developed by Youth Era from Oregon) focuses on teenage and transition-age youth through unique and innovative ways. Their approach uses the unique social media and technological savvy with which this age group is used to interacting. We are working to overcome regulatory and other challenges to overlay the Youth Era training on top of what Pennsylvania currently has approved for Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) training. Using grant funds and matching funds through SOC, we hope to have this model up and running in the next six to nine months.

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 continues to move quickly with CMP HealthChoices in meeting the requirements of the HealthChoices Program that are new for the upcoming contract period. We have completed plans to submit to the Department of Human Services (DHS) that address the Value Based Purchasing (VBP) and Community Based Care Management (CBCM) requirements. We are hopeful that DHS approves these plans and that we can get moving on this face-paced aspect of the program for 2021.

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.

We have recently completed the rate-setting process with DHS for CY2021. We were successful in most aspects of the requests made for consideration in our rate proposal and were presented with rates that appear to be adequate for the upcoming year. This development allowed us to accept the rates from DHS without the need for lengthy, rate negotiations that can be typical in a negotiation year. The formal acceptance of the rates was made on October 2, 2020.

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