

**CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MHDS PROGRAM
HEALTHCHOICES DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT**

January 2021

I. HealthChoices Department

The HealthChoices Program, Community Care and the CMP Systems of Care (SOC) continue to press the Department of Human Services (DHS) to insure the successful introduction of Youth Era's Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) model. Grant funding attained by SOC has allowed Youth Era to hire a CPS staff member. That individual will first be trained in the Youth Era model and then sent to the state's approved CPS training for certification. We continue to engage DHS for their assistance in helping Youth Era decide/develop this model as an MA-reimbursable services.

II. Community Care

CMP HC and Community Care continue to hold regular meetings to review program operations, fiscal monitoring, network development, quality and clinical issues. These meetings occur at varying intervals and on an ad hoc basis to insure the HealthChoices program continues to operate successfully in CMP.

Community Care has been holding ongoing weekly/biweekly meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic to address the fast-changing environment for our members, providers and DHS. The meetings occur across HealthChoices contracts that Community Care holds to insure consistency and insure that we are meeting our ongoing and new requirements.

III. Operations Update

We are pleased to announce that the CMP Joinder Board has approved the contract with DHS for the continued operations of the HealthChoices Program for another five years (with an additional three-year extension option). Similarly, a contract with Community Care is pending to match this time frame. We are excited to continue to work with our partners to insure the ongoing success of the program in our counties for our membership.

Respectfully submitted,

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