RAC Providers Subcommittee May 8, 2013

BPA – Michael Dickson reported discharge completion rates are improving and encouraged providers to keep efforts going. He reminded providers that BPA does not have a relationship with the new Medicaid Managed Care provider, Optum.

Providers will need to submit an application directly to Optum and need to do so as soon as possible. Providers are encouraged to attend any planning and/or other meetings with Optum as the meetings come up AND to monitor the Optum and DHW site for additional information.

An email will be sent out after the meeting to remind providers of the web link and phone number (was sent May 8, 2013). Rosie Andueza reminded providers that she and Kathy Skippen have been hearing concerns from other regions and Region 4 is encouraged to share insights with them as needed.

The problem solving courts have received a targeted 5% increase in funding effective May 1, 2013, which some providers may see increased activity from.

H&W Rosie Andueza

The MCS RFP is out and no information is available at this time. Budget figures show that with 82% of the year gone, 86% of the budget has been spent. Staff is busy reviewing the input on the criminal background check rule meetings to have changes ready by July 1, 2013 so that changes can continue through the process to be considered by the 2014 Legislative session.

IDOC - Greg Lewis

Greg shared budget figures from March 2013 (attached). The unique client count compared to December numbers is down 500; however, county jail placements are up. IDOC is researching the relationship further but the decrease in risk to revocate referrals likely had an impact. IDOC was given permission to reallocate some funds and the courts have provided some funding to help with the current fiscal year. With the new 19-2524 rewrite in effect, all adult felons will have a GAIN core during the presentence phase; this will identify more individuals in need of SUD services. To accommodate the increase, IDOC will shift funding to 19-2524 placements and reduce the number of reentry and risk to revocate referrals. CAPP graduates are being sent back to the districts (except in rural areas where transportation is not available) for follow up care by IDOC rather than through the outside provider network. Providers may be noticing this change. In the end, IDOC expects the number of provider referrals to remain the same, but the emphasis will shift to 19-2524 client placements.

IDJC - Sharon Burke

IDJC is working on the WITS Pilot implementation. Sharon indicated that rural counties are utilizing more SUDS funding for their adolescents. She encouraged those attending ICADD to attend the telehealth session that IDJC and Ascent Behavioral Health staff are presenting – it is a great success story of providing services in the rural area.

Courts - Kerry Hong

The laws governing DUI Evaluators will change July 1. Current DUI evaluators will need to be affiliated (employee or contractor) with treatment providers that have state SUD treatment approval in place or submit an application individually. The courts have created an approved DUI evaluation process with a specific format and tools. Training webinars will be held Mary 31 and June 13 and 14, 2013. The webinar is 2 ½ hours long – providers should look for a notice through the BPA network communications in the near future.

The RAC Provider Subcommittee will meet in July due to the site visit of a SAMHSA field staff. It will be a great opportunity to connect with someone from the federal agency.

Combined RAC and Mental Health meeting

Chair Greg Dickerson called the meeting to order.

The Agenda and Minutes from the March 12, 2013 meeting were approved. Brief introductions were made.

The first agenda item was discussion of possible next steps in light of SB1114 not passing this legislative session. Gina Westcott lead a discussion of reasonable next steps. Martha Eckhoff reported that the State Planning Council (currently Mental Health PC but expected to be Behavioral Health PC when the legislation passes) is working on what new by-laws and council membership might look like in the future.

Greg Dickerson, Amy Jeppesen, Delanie Valentine, Martha Eckhoff, and Steve Graci all expressed interest in being on a Region 4 working group to review the last version of the legislation. The group would identify steps that could be taken prior to passage and steps that needed to wait. Rosie Andueza mentioned that Kathy Skippen would be a resource available to the group.

A motion was made by Martha Eckhoff and seconded by Amy to establish the working group. Steve Graci asked that SB1114AA be made available to the combined committee; it will be posted to the web pages. Motion carried.

Committee Reports – Steve Graci CMH

Children's Mental Health – Activities for May 6-11 children's Mental Health Awareness Week included:

A state wide poster contest; winners were announced last week when the Mayor of Boise signed a Children's Mental Health Week Proclamation. About 15 other mayors also signed proclamations state wide;

A state wide video conference on May 7 – featuring Liza Long, a parent; Ann Kirkwood, Stigma expert; Ninon Germain, MD, child psychiatrist and Judy Gabert, teen suicide prevention expert. Registrations statewide were 150.

A resource fair will take place May 10 at Carrington College, 1122 Liberty in Boise.

Update from Office of Drug Policy

Elisha Figueroa, administrator of ODP provided an update. The office has a new focus of policy and prevention. They have established a state wide prevention planning group with three work groups to address the largest problems in Idaho: underage drinking, marijuana use and prescription drug abuse. Each working group is using a logic model to develop strategies and each group's work is being combined to create a state wide strategic plan. Specific efforts in the Rx Drug area are to increase the number of prescribers that utilize the Prescription Monitoring Program in Idaho. Incentives to sign and use the system are being offered (lower malpractice premiums for example) along with prescriber education events. In the marijuana area, there is a voter initiative currently collecting signatures for a ballot measure for 2014.

Regarding transformation and transition, a couple changes occurred during the legislative session. Funding for Allumbaugh House, which was previously managed by ODP, has been transferred to DHW. Management of the prevention programs of the Block Grant funding, previously managed by DHW, has been transferred to ODP. Both of these actions are to better align the program work of the two agencies with the missions of each. Benchmark's contract for prevention contract management has been extended for another year; regional review committees will be used utilized for contract applications this year.

Greg Dickerson asked for feedback on the letter he drafted for the Region 4 MH board for the State Planning Council. The letter emphasizes the need to fund regional prevention services and early intervention, or if those activities are not funded, to restore the regional Mental Health service centers that existed in the past to fill these gaps in local capacity of care. It was moved by Steve Graci and seconded by Barbara Balding to approve the letter. Motion carried.

Networking Updates

The office of Consumer and Family Affairs is hosting a Health Fair on May 17, 2013 at the Boise Public Library for Prevention Week. They are also conducting Peer Support Specialist Training the week of June 24th. Application deadline for the training is May 17th.

RADAR has several new publication in stock: TIP 55 (Homeless); Prevention of Teen Suicide; and Courage to Remember.

ICADD is next week at the BSU campus. ACTT Idaho is hosting a panel discussion featuring agency representatives on Wednesday during the lunch period and Optum is provide lunch for those who register. BPA is hosting an open house Wednesday evening of ICADD.

Region 4 Mental Health is conducting a one-day Crisis Intervention training in Valley county today. Several law enforcement agencies are attending.

Next meeting dates are: CMH sub committee, June 11 and July 9 8:30 am, Region 4 offices, room 131; RAC and MH combined meeting July 10, 10 am - a representative from SAMHSA will be at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at noon.