

Regional Advisory Committee Meeting 6/17/13

Greater Binghamton Health Center Breakout Questions

- 1) As we think about making Peer Services eligible for Medicaid funding what concerns and suggestions do we need to consider?
 - ❖ If you have insurance other than MCD, will my insurance pay for it?
 - ❖ How long do we have before funding runs out?
 - ❖ Emphasizing cost effectiveness of Peer Services vs. acute care and crisis services
 - ❖ Is the service eligible for MCD payment, is it a medical necessity?
 - ❖ What about the not for profit role?
 - ❖ Collaborating with providers
 - ❖ Allowed LOS – is there a deadline?
 - ❖ Negotiating LOS

- 2) If Peer Services are funded by Medicaid how can we make Peer Services more peer friendly?
 - ❖ Simplify MCD documentation for billing purposes
 - ❖ Mandated training for all peer providers
 - ❖ Clear language
 - ❖ Peer and family involvement in redesigning necessary documentation
 - ❖ Education – peers & providers
 - ❖ One standardized form for all peer services
 - ❖ Evidence-based outcomes
 - ❖ Will they pay for Peer Services from more than one agency?

- 3) How do we insure that peer programs can take advantage of insurance funding like Medicaid?
 - ❖ Making sure that peers, consumers are at the table when decisions are made
 - ❖ Make sure peers are trained, familiar with HCPS (Health Care Procedure Code)
 - ❖ Making sure there is solid documentation
 - ❖ Peers need to be aware of all funding sources so they can tap into them
 - ❖ Transparency & documentation thru the process

- 4) If you had a magic wand and could make Medicaid peer friendly what would you do?
 - ❖ Computerized – all services can be accessed

- ❖ Mandatory training for MCD staff (keep updated on changes)
 - ❖ Regulation and oversight of insurance companies
 - ❖ Care Managers – mandatory trainings
 - ❖ Simplified grievance/external review
 - ❖ Recommended approvals
 - ❖ NO PRE-AUTHORIZATIONS
 - ❖ Peer consultants
 - ❖ If we educate landlord on benefits & entitlements & discrimination laws would more housing be available?
 - ❖ Make sure that anyone in the Criminal Justice System should be trained on EDPRT
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3 Concerns

- 1) Competitive pay for peer employee
- 2) Seek out States that have done this before
- 3) Allowed length of service – is there a deadline for negotiating services?