

Division of Mental Health and Addiction
Transformation Work Group Meeting
June 9, 2009
IGCS Conference Center Room A

Minutes

Members Present: Denny Jones, Gina Eckart, Ann Alley, Ronda Ames, Craig Andler, George Brenner, Alma Burrus, Caroline Carney-Doebbeling, Debbie Herrmann, Sarah Jagger, Robert Levy, Steve McCaffrey, Pam McConey, Joe Montgomery, John Nurnberger, Michael Patchner, Sharon Porter, Alice Rae, Rebecca Smith, Peggy Stephens, Rodney Stockment, Bob Williams

Guests: Kelly Kaufman, Sue Lummus, Diane Main (proxy for Jane Seigel), Ed Offerman (FSSA Contract Management)

Chair Denny Jones called the meeting to order. Denny welcomed the members and guests and introductions were made.

Steve McCaffrey gave the group legislative updates. Recognition was given to Steve McCaffrey and DMHA for helping the licensure bill passed into legislation.

Dean Michael Patchner gave an update from the Workforce Development Task Force. He distributed a roster and an outline detailing the charge given to the sub-committee and informed group of upcoming meetings. He presented areas the sub-committee has been working on and stated they should have recommendations to bring back to the group by 12/8/09.

Caroline Carney Doebbeling distributed a hand-out and presented "Behavioral and Physical Health Integration Efforts". She also presented the State's integration efforts. Integration projects are monitored quarterly. Concerns were raised on the restriction of some of the billing codes. Group members were urged to document & submit issues regarding coding so they could be addressed effectively.

Bob Levy distributed a hand-out and presented information on "Integration Feasibility" and gave an overview of the project. He discussed possible immediate steps not requiring legislation or monies to accomplish and integration challenges.

Director Gina Eckart distributed a hand-out and presented DMHA "Delivery and Finance Updates". She gave a background and reasons for implementation of Delivery and Finance. She updated the group on changes to MRO, services to non-MRO population, and provider readiness for changes. The group was given the e-mail site (transformation@fssa.in.gov) to submit any questions.

All presentations will be posted to the DMHA website.

The next meeting of the TWG will be September 8, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A.