

Steering Committee November 2016 Meeting Summary

Attendance

In-person: Jack Billi, David Brooks, Gregory Dalack, Ann Davis, Tony Denton, Joanne Grosh, Bob Guenzel, Norman Herbert, David Sarns, Paul Valenstein, Brent Williams

Phone: Nancy Graebner, Peter Jacobson, Pam Smith, Doug Strong

CHRT staff: Nancy Baum, Kirsten Bondalapati, Leah Corneail, Patrice Eller, Jaque King, Jeremy Lapedis

Key Summary Points

- **October Steering Committee Meeting Summary:** The Steering Committee approved the October Steering Committee Meeting Summary. The most updated Project Progress Reports and WHI Structure Chart will be included in meeting materials going forward.
- **Aging/Senior Service Project Charge:** The co-chairs for the project will be Joanne Grosh, director of Senior Services at St. Joseph Mercy Health System, and Rachel Dewees, director of Turner Senior Resource Center (Rachel Dewees could not be present for the meeting). The project goal is to improve communication of senior services information to both service providers and the community. The group's first meeting will be November 30th. The Steering Committee advised Joanne Grosh to be sure to 1) clearly define the problem they are going to work on and 2) to include the perspectives of clients and navigators in their analysis of the problem.
- **Mental Health and Substance Use Group Update:** The Work Group held a provider "affinity group" to discuss Section 298 of the governor's budget, which included language to encourage the integration of mental health and physical health services by moving Medicaid dollars for Community Mental Health services to the Medicaid health plans. Section 298 has been reconsidered and the affinity groups are intended to provide input to DHHS on possible different directions to the integration of medical and mental health care. This affinity group had several recommendations, one of which was to recommend that payers/plans fund the continuum of care for an individual—meaning that all mental health substance use services are funded for a person across all types of settings (e.g. emergency, inpatient, primary care, jail). They also recommended ensuring that mental health services are not lost in the funding transition. The Mental Health Work Group will be meeting with the Primary Care Work group on November 18th discuss alignment between the two Work Groups.
- **Mental Health and Substance Use Gaps Assessment:** The Mental Health and Substance Use Gaps Assessment was done to help the Washtenaw Community Mental Health Agency in their strategic planning effort. The assessment identified gaps related to provider capacity and gaps related to funding and reimbursement. Particular gaps were noted with regard to extended wait times to receive mental health services, challenges managing high acuity patients, lack of reimbursement for case management services. The assessment provided high-level recommendations which the Mental Health and Substance Use Work Group will consider

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moving forward. The list of providers in the assessment will be updated to include contact information and put on the WHI website for others to access this resource.

- **SIM Update:** The SIM work is moving forward with intervention design. Currently the group is discussing the model for coordinating care management in the intervention. The operational plan for the Washtenaw/Livingston CHIR region is due to the state on April 1st. Updates on the SIM project will be included in the updated WHI website.
- **WHI Communications Update:** Steering Committee meeting summaries and agendas will now be posted to the WHI website. The WHI website is undergoing redesign and will be updated to include more information on projects, meetings, and opportunities for involvement in the WHI.
- **Being Mortal Event Recap:** The Being Mortal Screening Event held at that Michigan Theatre was attended by almost 1000 people and fostered an engaging conversation on advance care planning.

Action Steps

- The WHI website will be updated to include a list of mental health and substance use providers in Washtenaw County with provider contact phone numbers and SIM project updates.

Next Meeting

Friday, December 9, 2016 2:30 – 4:00 PM