

# IDS Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2007

11:00am – 1:00pm

**Present:** Rod Calkins, Marion County; Ron Lagergren, CAPS; Debby Davis, Catholic Community Services; Marybeth Beall, Marion County; Paul Logan, Northwest Human Services; Terry Dethrow, New Perspectives; Tim Markwell, New Perspectives; Patricia Tucker, Valley Mental Health; Erin Horst, CAPS; Barb Seatter, Cascadia; Steve Allanketner, Options; and Geoff Heatherington, Polk Co

**Excused:** Patrick Brodigan, CAPS; Bob Hammond, CAPS; Steve Kuhn

**Guest:** Jessica VanDiepen, AOCMHP; Dean Andretta, MVIPA; Don Theobald, CCS; Sally Daly, VMH; and Char Tong, NWHS

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**Meeting called to order at 11:07am**

## **I. Announcements:**

- ❖ Lona – Children's Therapy Center has started training in the community geared towards childcare providers. Teaching the signs and how to interact with children who have diagnosis of illnesses such as Autism. The first meeting was last week and 16 people attended. Children's Therapy Center also has five new mental health providers, one is a replacement and the others are part time. In addition, they are interviewing a speech therapist.
- ❖ Tim – New Perspectives has openings to secondary authorizations for medication management. They also have openings for children and adults.
- ❖ Ron – Solicited feedback regarding the AMH CMS auditing workshop on 12/07/07. If additional trainings are requested, please let Ron know.
  - Tim requested additional information on the differences between the MHO card and an open card,
- ❖ Ron passed out an AMH memo outlining their stance on telephonic services. The MHO's will update their procedure code list to reflect the changes. Agencies should use the AMH memo guidelines until further notice.
- ❖ Ron – Interns, anyone billing DMAP for open card can bill BCN capitated. QMHP – BCN and QMHA – DMAP, credential both for billing purposes.
- ❖ Ron – The handbook edits were completed last week and CAPS will have the final copy to agencies within the next few weeks. A handout will be provided that includes detailed information on changes/updates in response to issues/questions raised.
- ❖ Ron – The CAPS website will host meeting minutes for review. All minutes will be posted in draft form until they are approved.
- ❖ Erin – In the process of scheduling audits. If yours has not been scheduled, please do so ASAP.

## **II. Minutes Review – All**

- ❖ The minutes were approved with no changes.

## **III. IDS Reports – we will review how to read them and how the data was complied. (see handouts)**

- ❖ Erin reviewed the IDS Monthly Reports by identifying and describing the presented data.
- ❖ Some of the highlights are:
  - On page 2 there are two items of interest. At the top of the page, the number of unique opened clients per month by age group is provided. At the bottom of the page, the number of unique clients closed per month by age group is provided. These values do not include assessment only, secondary, or Non-Marion County authorizations.
  - At the top of page 1, the cumulative number of clients served by age group is provided. These values do not include assessment only, secondary, or non-Marion County authorizations.
  - The amount of claims paid by month is included on page 3. The issue of reporting by service date in lieu of paid date was discussed. Also on this page the number of encounters, both in and out of clinic, is included. There was concern about the 20% of service be provided out of clinic and the penalty if an agency was out of compliance for more than three months. Within this discussion, Steve A. suggested that agencies conduct 20% of services out of clinic in order to avoid penalty. Furthermore, Dean suggested incorporating an agency's penalties within the report.
  - On page 4, assessment only, secondary, and non-Marion County authorization data is provided.

## **IV. Medi-Medi Clients – systems planning**

- ❖ A report detailing the number of Medi-Medi clients served and the amount paid by BCN was provided. Note that MPCHP-Advantage is not included.
- ❖ Approximately \$861,000 was shifted from Medicare and was paid by MVBCN.
- ❖ The numbers of licensed therapists are not sufficient to bill Medicare for services.

- ❖ The IDS will review the need for LCSW's and the possibility of job incentives. This discussion will continue next month.

## **V. Interpreter Reimbursement Rate**

- ❖ Currently, the cost of an interpreter can run up to \$75.00 per hour and in some cases more. Agencies have not been charging their actual cost for interpreters. Ron suggested that agencies bill their actual costs for all services. Currently, there is not sufficient data that illustrates the actual costs of interpreter services. CAPS will increase the reimbursement rate for interpreter services to \$18.75 per 15-minute unit.
- ❖ All agreed with the rate increase. Dean will make the change to the system.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 pm

Next IDS meeting is January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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