

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties

Jason McMinn, Robert Watkins – Co-Chairs



Quality Improvement Committee Minutes

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Start: 3:04 pm

End: 4:01 pm

Facilitator: J. McMinn

Moment of Reflection

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda: August 17, 2022

Addendum:

Motion: D. Smith

Seconded: K. Dennis

Vote: In Favor: All

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

PLEASE NOTE: 9/21/22 Addendum to page two under Medical Transportation changing... "Note that Medicaid" to read "Medicare".

Approval of the Minutes: May 18, 2022

Addendum:

Motion: J. Citerman-Kraeger

Seconded: N. O'Neal

Vote: In Favor: All

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

New Business

Confirm the next Service Category for Review – J. McMinn, S. Harris

J. McMinn – In our last discussion on mental health, the focus was on screening and staff placement. We are seeing more help needed for mental health and psycho-social services, as providers do their best to fill these difficult spaces. With this information, we now must decide what services will require a deep dive to provide guidance for our next directives, as deep dives enable us to further review categories, see what others are doing, and find ways to build social connections.

S. Harris - Mental health was the service up for further review and possibly reserving medical transportation. Mental Health ranked number five in priority setting, Medical Transportation ranked high in the responses from the CLC survey and, last year, we served 561 for mental health and 1,286 for medical transportation.

Medical Transportation

***Comment: J. McMinn** - We did talk about mental health in the main meeting, but not sure on the consumer survey influence, as many services ranked high. Covid affected many people, as there were less visits and requests for case manager assistance with medical transportation. This causes wonder on how things will look for 2022, because of the increasing number of people on injectable medications. Requests for medical transportation to access these type of monthly services may be more often, and that may be something to review.

***Comment: D. Harris** - NFP is doing injections, maybe ten or so and the regular patients utilizing those services are stable with transportation. It may change later with difficult clients and, if so, transportation is a major way we get persons into care and it is a great service for us.

***Question: S. Harris** – Also consider if there are providers outside Part A, and if Medicaid still does this.

***Response: A. Thomas**- With Medicaid, it depends on the service itself and provider they have.

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***Comment: D. Harris** - Maybe in future, with EFA, could help with med transportation.

***Response: S. Harris** - EFA is our safety net for newly diagnosed PLWH who need quick meds, or have not renewed ADAP eligibility. It has specific service guidelines and is a payer of last resort.

PLEASE NOTE: 9/21/22 Addendum changing..."Note that Medicaid" to read "Medicare".

***Comment: J. McMinn** – Note that ~~Medicaid~~ Medicare does not cover glasses. In the past, we spent very little on EFA, which speaks to the good work done by case managers in finding other sources.

***Comment: D. Smith** – DSAS has been creative with med transport in accessing this service.

Mental Health

***Comment: B. Gayheart** - In Lorain, transportation is not a major as rides are always available. The Integrated Plan Affinity groups have addressed transportation. They see psycho-social support as more critical, especially with the increase of the aging population and the isolation issues that affect them. Lorain County needs more focus and support groups.

***Comment: D. Harris** – Agree with the social supports. Our agency has a big refugee presence and when they arrive here they are isolated and secluded and are looking for supports and struggle at times.

***Comment: N. O'Neal** – Agree that with older adults, retired and not working may not have connections as once before. Support groups not always best for everyone. Maybe we can inform people of state and national programs for connecting and getting people involved and make that our deeper dive.

***Comment: J. McMinn** – If all agree, the plan will be to deep dive around mental health and psycho-social, see what HRSA allows, and come up with directives so the recipient can give our sub-recipients advice on work strategies and/or improvements. Maybe mental health folks can also provide data on their end to help lead our path.

***Comment: T. Moyel** – Agreed, this sounds good.

***Comment: L. LeAnder** – Think we are on the right track.

***Comment: A. Thomas** - Good to include mental health and psycho social, both go hand in hand.

***Comment: S. Harris** – As we look and see all the services, we can list, categorize, and include them as guidance. We must also make sure there are Part A support groups.

Affirmation: All agree that Mental Health/Psycho-Social will be the next deep dive service category.

In Favor: J. McMinn, B. Gripshover, B. Gayheart, J. Citerman-Kraeger, D. Harris, J.L. Kasambayi, K. Dennis, L. Lovett, N. O'Neal, K. Ruiz, D. Smith, T. Moyel, A. Thomas.

Update on the Statewide Integrated Plan – K. Ruiz

K. Ruiz - Affinity groups are putting info together and will submit updates to Kate Shumate.

Z. Levar - Thanks to all who participated in helping create those goals over the last several months.

J. McMinn – The Integrated Plan is a plan implemented for the next five years to serve as a guide for collective work in setting goals for Ohio's Integrated HIV Prevention and Care plan. This plan focuses on the five steps of the HIV continuum to diagnose, link, treat, retain, and achieve and maintain viral suppression for PLWH in the six Cleveland TGA counties of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina. Thought behind the work is not necessarily planning for Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Columbus, but to also focus on efforts outside these areas. For the upcoming meeting, we will put together a presentation on the Affinity groups and their progress.

J. Citerman-Kraeger - A lot was involved with housing and other areas. All info is due this Friday and chairs will meet on Monday, August 29th.

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Review CLC Consumer Survey Results - Tabled

Define the Scope & Timeline - Tabled

Identify data needs for decision-making - Tabled

Standing Business

Agree on QI Committee work activity (if any) to be reported at August 17, 2022 Planning Council Committee meeting – J. McMinn

We will report on today's discussion on deep diving mental health/psycho-social and give updates on the Integrated Plan.

Represent the TGA in Statewide Needs Assessment - Tabled

Determine formal CAREWare Data Request (if any) - Tabled

Parking Lot Items

Review QI Committee Work Plan for Compliance - Tabled

Next Steps

J. McMinn – We will prepare a data request and present it at the next meeting.

Announcements

K. Dennis - Women's Healing Weekend, October 7-9, 2022 at Hiram House Camp. To register: www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-healing-weekend-tickets-381048064017. For more info contact: Kimberlin Dennis (216) 374-3980 or Halima Grant (216) 246-8339.

Adjournment

Motion: N. O'Neal

Seconded: B. Gripshover

Attendance

| | | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June PSRA | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov |
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| | QI Committee | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Jason McMinn Co-chair | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | | 20 | | | |
| 2 | Robert Watkins Co-chair | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | | 0 | | | |
| 3 | Barb Gripshover | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | | 20 | | | |
| 4 | Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin | 20 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 0 | | 0 | | | |
| 5 | Billy Gayheart | 20 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 10 | | 10 | | | |
| 6 | Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | | 20 | | | |
| 7 | Karla Ruiz | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | | 20 | | | |
| 8 | Uleta Carter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | | 0 | | | |
| 9 | David Smith | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | | 20 | | | |
| 10 | Anthony Thomas | | | | 20 | 20 | | 20 | | | |
| | Total in Attendance | 8 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 8 | | 7 | | | |

PC Members: K. Dennis, L. Lovett, N. O'Neal

Attendees: D. Harris, J.L. Kasambayi, T. Moyel

Staff: M. Baker, A. Hardy, L. James, Z. Levar, S. Harris, T. Mallory