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Placer County Systems of Care
Network Provider Relations Committee Meeting
Facilitator: Michelle Johnson
September 14, 2011

Attendees: Jerry Watkins, Tom Lind, Cami Burke, Kevin Henry, Tracy Peterson, Michelle Johnson, Wally Keller

Announcements/Information:

- The next Network Provider Collaborative will be held on December 9th and the tentative topic is "Domestic Violence – Women against Men". This training will be held at Brandman University.

Discussion/Action items:

- MCU update:

In these challenging budgetary times we must practice responsible management of public monies. Internal assessments are providing quicker turnaround to determine medical necessity and client needs to expedite referral for services to providers.

- Electronic Medical Record:

Placer continues to move forward with the development of our EMR. Implementation of the electronic progress note is expected to occur in October 2011.

- Group update:

MCU has seen an increase in teens suffering from depression. We try to strike a balance with these clients by providing either individual therapy or group therapy based on client need and clinician recommendations. Tracy suggested that the increased usage of oxycontin by teens may be part of the reason for the increase in suicidal ideation. The MCU teen depression group was offered for one series only due to lack of client interest. A Placer County Network Provider has started a girl's teen depression group which uses equine therapy and has proven successful in maintaining teens in the group. Our partners on the wrap team are continuing to offer a closed pro social skills group and are in search of referrals.
There has been an increase in the number of 4 and 5 year olds in need of behavioral modification services. We have been recommending the Incredible Years Parenting class through Kids First as well as PCIT (Parent Child Interactive Therapy) to help reduce the child's behavior problems and improve the parent-child relationship.

- Budget updates:

The DMH transition of key specialty mental health departments to DHCS is in progress, we will continue to update as the transition occurs.

By careful management of resources Placer County HHS has to date weathered the economic down turn due to insightful leadership decisions in maintaining a county wide freeze since 2007.

- Authorizations sent via email instead of US mail:

We are evaluating the possibility in sending authorizations via email rather than US mail and would like provider feed back regarding this potential change in process. To preserve confidentiality emails would be encrypted. In order to view the protected email Providers will have to create a password.

- Provider changes of contact information:

Please remember to notify the County when changes in your contact information occur. Missing or incorrect contact information such as address, phone number and email address can impact provider reimbursements, receipt of authorizations, and important notifications.

- Upcoming e-training:

This year the annual Mental Health Documentation, Billing and Auditing training will be coupled with Beneficiary Protection training. Notification was sent via email and includes a link to the training. To avoid de-credentialing this training must be completed by October 24th. Four free CEU's are offered with this training.

- Heritage Oaks

Kevin Henry shared the Heritage Oaks contact list. See attached.

- Community Recovery Resources:

Tracy Peterson shared a brochure – "Placer Mother's in Recovery". See attached.