Welcome- Joy Sloan, Jeff Tallent, Co-Chairs

Updates

• Medicaid Expansion
  ➢ State questions 802 passed and will go into effect July 1, 2021.
  ➢ 90% match has been approved.
  ➢ Applications will not be accepted until effective date of July 1, 2021 and should be able to get same day approval.
  ➢ It is estimated that 210,000 additional people will be eligible.

• MCO Initiative
  ➢ RFP is located at [www.okhca.org/SoonerSelect](http://www.okhca.org/SoonerSelect).
  ➢ Will contract with at least 3 entities. Feds require minimum of 2 entities.
  ➢ Will be required to provide statewide coverage.
  ➢ Bids will close Dec 15, 2020 and will start getting evaluated shortly after.
  ➢ Awards will be announced Feb 1, 2021.
  ➢ Effective date is Oct 1, 2021.

• ODMHSAS Budget
  ➢ More unknowns than knowns.
  ➢ Pandemic has affected revenues and is predicted to have an impact on the budget.
  ➢ It is unknown if states will receive help with funding from Feds.
  ➢ ODMHSAS will work closely with Legislature to ensure that services will be funded.
• IMD Waiver
  - Waiver has been approved as of 12/22/2020.
  - Waiver approval will help fund a proposed increase of the specialty PRTF rate for treatment of youth with co-occurring developmental and intellectual disabilities and psychiatric disabilities. Many of these youth have had to seek treatment out of state.

• ODMHSAS Consolidation
  - Previous discussions regarding consolidation of ODMHSAS and OHCA may come up again, but may also include consolidation with other health agencies.
  - Consolidation would allow shared services like HR, IT, Finance to work together for efficiency and can help to stretch dollars as far as possible during difficult budget time.

• ODMHSAS Secondary Transport Bill
  - RFP to hire a company to do secondary transport.
  - Vehicles will not be police cars or marked vehicles and will include safety measures.
  - Drivers would be required to have special training in de-escalation, etc.
  - Will need a lot of support to get funded due to budget problems.
  - Law Enforcement sometimes has tablets on hand to be able to connect individual with initial assessment/evaluation right there on scene in lieu of transport.
  - 988 number will allow you talk to MH professional instead of dialing 911. They can dispatch mobile crisis teams if needed. Law Enforcement would be last step if needed.
  - When you double-in secondary transport, the need for Law Enforcement is minimal.
  - July 2022 is goal to have system in place.

• ODMHSAS Administrative Rule Changes
  - Governor asked all agencies to look at administrative rules and reduce when possible.
  - ODMHSAS rule revisions include an approximate 25% reduction in rule language, largely through removal of duplicative language.
  - Proposed changes will be available on the website Jan 15-Feb 16, 2021 for public comment.
  - Revisions also include some changes for the IMD waiver.

BHAC member discussion/Other Business
  - Discussion of effects of pandemic on those seeking treatment:
    - “worried well” population has begun to seek treatment
    - Concern about geriatric population
    - Increase of family dynamic problems
    - Increase of anxiety in children
    - Kids who previously had no issues are now having issues
    - Disconnect and social isolation has taken its toll
    - Huge increase of healthcare workers seeking services.

Adjourn

Next Open Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2021 at 9:30 AM