

# Behavioral Health Advisory Council

Virtual Meeting held through Zoom

December 9, 2020

9:30- 11:00 AM

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**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