

**MHA/ValueOptions® Maryland
Provider Quality Committee Meeting Minutes**

**ValueOptions® Maryland
1099 Winterson Road, Suite 200
Linthicum, MD 21090
Friday, May 10, 2013
10:00 am to 11:30 am**

In attendance: Daryl Plevy, Mary Mastrandrea, Karl Steinkraus, Nicki Crumb, Jamie Miller, Guy Reese, Greg Burkhardt, Herb Cromwell, Terry Brown, Jarrell Pipkin, Brian Johnson, Tammy Fox, Jenny Howes, Shontae Harrell, Donna Shipp, Elma Alston, Dr. Maria Rodowski, and Vanessa Zimmerman **Telephonically:** Edgar Wiggins, Sharon Jennings, Susan Harrison, Rebecca Hutchinson, Dawn Beckett, Kim Arkins (?), Tim Santoni, Shavonne Odom, Nicki Carver, Kathy Garcia, Rebecca Frechard Richard Marizan, Kim Perkins, Sharon Ohlhaber, and Jane Beckett.

Topics & Discussion	Follow-Up Actions
<p>Review and approval of Draft Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April minutes were approved. 	
MHA/ValueOptions® Maryland Announcements	
<p>MHA UPDATE-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daryl announced the first Behavioral Health Integration Public Meeting will be held on June 4th from 2 to 4 at the Department of Transportation. Rebecca Frechard stated there will be an option to participate in the BH Integration meeting via <i>Webinar</i>.. More information to follow. <p>ValueOptions® Update-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karl stated that QulP hasn't had any new providers sign up since last meeting. Currently there are 38 providers enrolled. The second quarter results have been sent out to all participants and VO will be setting up a Webinar to review the week after next. A notice will go out later today. 	
Provider Issues	

❖ **Update on uninsured PRP eligibility – The following is what we sent to CBH members after the 4/13 meeting: “In mid-March MHA and VO seemed to clarify that VO would continue PRP auths for folks who lose MA but who meet MNC and one of the big 4 GZ criteria (conditional release or D/C from acute hospital, state hospital or RRP) instead of putting them on a waiting list. But what about a current PRP consumer who meets MNC and loses MA but who does not meet one of the 4GZ criteria? Is that person still being cut off? If so, then it means the old PMHS-services-within-the-past-2yrs criterion is off the table, right? So is being homeless? - Herb Cromwell:** Jamie Miller stated that for Pre-cert reviews VO looks at the recent history and on Concurrent reviews VO looks at the entire history. VO also looks at any clinically extenuating circumstances on a case by case basis. So far Jamie hasn't received any complaints.

❖ **Health homes – SPA went to CMS on 4/8 and DHMH put out a Q&A on 4/26. Any other news? Applicability to C&A?– Herb Cromwell:** The bulk of the services have been incorporated into the 1915i application when that moves forward. There is a Q&A on the BHI website and a link was sent out to the Medicaid site for these. The regulations have been drafted and MHA is in talks with CMS to refine the details.

❖ **Update on 4/4 ADAA memo on new lab regs and applicability to mental health providers. Daryl was checking with Kathy Rebbert-Franklin – Herb Cromwell:** This has been sent to Kathy for review. The provider would still have to go through OHCQ. All questions would need to be directed to Kathy as Daryl stated she is not familiar with this.

❖ **Any update on proposal to require behavioral health providers to be nationally accredited by 2015? – Herb Cromwell:** Daryl stated that the discussions are ongoing with the objective to get the draft regs written. They would like to move to programs getting accredited.

❖ **Status of 1915i plan for C&A (at last report, it was still with**

Medicaid)? – Herb Cromwell: Medicaid and MHA are still in discussion with more meetings scheduled. MHA and Medicaid expect this will be completed this summer.. CMS informed Maryland Medicaid they will not allow a family of one or 300% of poverty so the application will have to start at 150% of poverty.

- ❖ **When will the actual rates reflecting the FY14 2.54% community service rate and the psychiatrist E/M code increase be coming out? How, if at all, has the 2% Medicare rate cut caused by the sequester affected the E/M code increase? Is there a list providers can see how the increase is being calculated i.e. comparison of Medicaid vs. Medicare by code? – Herb Cromwell:** Karl stated that he is working on this with Brian and the University of MD, and they in turn are working with Maryland Medicaid. The rates are expected to be effective 7/1.
- ❖ **DSM-V training updates? – Herb Cromwell:** Karl stated that there will be a provider alert going out on the conference they will be holding this month. Mary stated there will be a clinical training not related to billing. VO will do the billing training when it is available.
- ❖ **Mobile Treatment Audit Tool Item #8 does not appear to be supported by COMAR. A passing score is defined as including “The psychiatrist has assessed general physical health and either performed a physical examination or waive the requirement that the individual has a physical examination and document the rationale for the waiver”. – Allison Taylor (QCI):** Jarrell stated it was found in the COMAR regs. He read the relevant regs from COMAR and there weren't any questions. Vanessa sent the COMAR regs to QCI prior to the meeting

**The next Provider Quality Committee Meeting is scheduled for:
Friday, June 14, 2013 10 a.m.
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