

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

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

**In attendance:** Daryl Plevy, Zereana Jess-Huff, Jenny Howes, Terry Brown, Corden Kane, Karl Steinkraus, Herb Cromwell, Guy Reese, Mike Drummond, Shontae Harrell, Mike Schorr, Elma Alston, Greg Burkhardt, and Vanessa Zimmerman **Telephonically:** Edgar Wiggins, Andrene Jackson, Rebecca Hutchinson, Dawn Beckett, Sharon Ohlhaber, Rebbeca Frechard, Linda McIntire, Kyle (Chase Brexton), Jason Sutton, and Donna Shipp

| Topics & Discussion   | Follow-Up Actions |
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| <p><b>Review and approval of Draft Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September minutes were approved.</li> </ul>   |                   |
| <b>MHA/ValueOptions® Maryland Announcements</b>   |                   |
| <p><b>MHA UPDATE-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> <p><b>ValueOptions® Update-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>November Provider Council has been cancelled and will reconvene in December.</b></li> </ul>  |                   |
| <b>Provider Issues</b>  |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Psychological testing -- As we understand it, this is billable only when done by a psychologist or by a psychology associate under supervision, right? But Prof Counselor regs (10.58.11.03) state that LCPCs who receive specialized training can also do psychological testing. Is this billable by the PMHS? If not, why not? – Herb Cromwell – Daryl stated that yes, this is billable only when done by a psychologist or a psychology associate under supervision. Daryl also stated</b></li> </ul> |                   |

that just because something is allowable under a license that it is not always allowable in the Public Mental Health System. She stated that they have picked the most important services to cover with the funding that is available. Daryl further stated that some providers are billing with coding not on the service class grid. Though these services are legitimate in the "CPT world" again, the funding for PMHS goes by what is listed on the service class grid. Karl has created a form to help provide some documentation for clarity for those providers that believe a code should actually be a covered service. Daryl is looking for feedback on this topic.

- ❖ **VO log-in time for new clinicians -- Was taking up to 7 weeks for a new clinician to get a VO log-in. Corrections have been made. Current status? – Herb Cromwell** – Karl stated that he had Donna Shipp check and there is currently a 2 week lag time. Special requests can go to the Provider Relations team at VO for more urgent needs. Donna Shipp stated that through the EDI helpdesk, providers can designate a Super User who can then add people to the account which makes the process much quicker. To assign a Super User, providers will need to contact the EDI Helpdesk directly.
- ❖ **IntelligenceConnect Upgrade -- What is the outcome for providers of the recent enhancement? – Herb Cromwell** – Mike Schorr stated that there will be two trainings for these next Friday and the following Friday. The changes will reflect better search functionality, some layout changes, and faster report processing times. The information on these trainings will be posted on the VO website and a provider alert will be sent out.
- ❖ **Updates – Herb Cromwell:**
  - **Status of 1915i state plan for C&A – was still in Medicaid last month** – Daryl stated they have completed the draft. The state plan amendment is already posted on the BHI website.
  - **Mandated national accreditation for community providers by 2015 – anything new to report?-** Daryl stated that they are drafting legislation and working on the draft regs to go with it. The timeline is still the same.

- **Help bringing behavioral health providers into CRISP – last month VO agreed to take the lead in organizing training-** Karl stated this is currently being worked on.
- **DHR's decision about requiring clinicians to fill out a PAA application for RRP consumers – Marian Bland was working on this-** Marian Bland is on vacation and cannot give an update at this time.
- **Serving individuals whose primary language is not English – anything new to report on provider reimbursement help for language interpreters?-** Rebecca Frechard stated that Susan Harrison received an email from Herb that was helpful and Susan will follow up with him. There will be an answer to this at the next Provider Council in December.
- **QuIP – anything new?-** Jarrell stated that we are still on schedule for Q4 data results in a few days. The data will be sent out by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**The next Provider Quality Committee Meeting is scheduled for:  
Friday, December 13, 2013 10 a.m.  
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