

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

**ValueOptions® Maryland  
1099 Winterson Road, Suite 200  
Linthicum, MD 21090  
Friday, September 13, 2013  
10:00 am to 11:30 am**

**In attendance:** Daryl Plevy, Zereana Jess-Huff, Marion Bland, Tammy Fox, Dr. Lann, Jarrell Pipkin, Carrie Freshour, Jenny Howes, Herb Cromwell, Jamie Miller, Connie Wozny, Elma Alston, Greg Burkhardt, Guy Reese, Carol Leeson, Karl Steinkraus, Terry Brown, and Vanessa Zimmerman **Telephonically:** Sharon Jennings, Edgar Wiggins, Andrene Jackson, Carol Jones, Rebecca Hutchinson, Jesse Garcia, Dawn Beckett, Lavina Thompson, Sharon Ohlhaber, Michael Schorr, Darlene Wehn, Rebbeca Frechard, and Mary Brassard.

Topics & Discussion	Follow-Up Actions
<p><b>Review and approval of Draft Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June minutes were approved.</li> </ul>	
MHA/ValueOptions® Maryland Announcements	
<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>August Regional Forums:</b> Karl stated that all four regional forums have been completed. The topics were: Human Trafficking, MD Commitment to Veterans, Maryland Sexual Abuse Coalition (MCASA) and Integrated Care. VO is looking into offering CEU's at the next round of Provider Forums. Karl stated that the forums were well received but not well attended.</li> <li><b>QulP Update:</b> Karl stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter data for participating QulP providers went out and the modeling is working well. Year-end data will go out as soon as available.</li> </ul>	

## Provider Issues

- ❖ **Updates from MHA about status of:** a)1915i state plan for C&A b)mandated national accreditation for community providers by 2015; c)planned MHA-CRISP workgroup to help bring behavioral health providers into the HIE fold; d)MHA electronic health record workgroup; e)latest push to bring more folks into community from state hospitals including Spring Grove red bricks; f)new MHA hires to, for example, replace Penny Scrivens -- progress made by the RRP workgroup to fill vacancies and better coordinate referrals and placements has back slid since her retirement; g)other. - **Herb Cromwell** – Daryl stated that the 1915i is almost ready. Daryl will follow up on the MHA-CRISP (Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients) workgroup. She would like to hand the lead off to someone else if possible. CRISP will be providing real time emails when a consumer hits the ER. Originally, CRISP was providing this for Health Homes and now any provider. There is a simple protocol to sign up. Jesse Garcia stated that it is very simple. Karl will be taking the lead on setting up a training session for this through VO. Daryl stated that the Electronic Health Record workgroup is being put on hold for now but they can meet without her. Daryl stated that Lissa Abrams has come back to MHA to work on helping people move from state hospitals to the community. The future of part of the land at Spring Grove is being discussed in Annapolis. MHA is working on reducing the census in case it is decided to close a building at Spring Grove. There have been tentative discussions about MHA possibly moving to another location and using their buildings for consumers. Russ Springer, from BMHS, has been hired to replace Penny Scrivens. A workgroup at the clinical level is being considered for moving consumers from RRP into the community. There is also a workgroup being considered for permanent supported housing. Through the HUD 811 funding program, the state has received \$10 million in funding and some local housing authorities have also received additional funding for housing individuals with disabilities. The Weinburg Foundation has also provided assistance targeted to SSDI recipients twice per Daryl.
- ❖ **Serving individuals whose primary language is not English:** Per an August email exchange, state policy seems clear that community providers must provide

language interpreter services and that such services are can be Medicaid-reimbursed. Yet, MHA has confirmed that there is no PMHS funding for interpreter support other than for consumers with hearing impairments. Has this issue been discussed with Medicaid? Can it be a budget request from MHA and/or Medicaid? - Herb Cromwell – Neither Daryl or Rebecca Frechard have any information on this. Dr. Lann stated that she will get some information on an interpreting company that she knows about.

- ❖ **VO updates: a)Follow-up if any from VO from Aug 20 meeting about QULP; b)status of planned VO reports on average length of stay and 30-day readmissions; c)VO (Karl) was addressing 1cent discrepancy in PRP cascade rates (\$1202.14 vs \$1202.130; d)other. – Herb Cromwell –** Karl stated that he is updating the chart and will be posting it on VO's website. This information is already posted on the MHA website per Dr. Lann.
  
- ❖ **PAA (Public Assistance to Adults): VO and MHA (Marian Bland) have been working with DHR re a PAA application issue -- hope is that community mental health providers will not have to have clinicians complete a newly required application form since VO establishes medical necessity for RRP and thus PAA, rendering the form redundant. – Herb Cromwell –** Marion Bland is working on this with the Department of Human Resources. Vince Kildoff is still waiting on the decision after speaking with Jamie Miller about the MNC requirements and is looking into possibly waiving it. There is only one check box that we don't have covered.
  
- ❖ **Health home issues if any. – Herb Cromwell -** None
  
- ❖ **Will VO be making any changes to it's Website to reflect the changes made with the DSM-5 (ie, no longer using a five axial diagnosis)? And if so, when will this change take effect? – Jason Sutton –** Greg stated the DSM-V axis changes are in development now and is scheduled for a December 2013 release in CareConnect.

**The next Provider Quality Committee Meeting is scheduled for:  
Friday, October 11, 2013 10 a.m.  
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