

Peer Support Stakeholder Workgroup Kick-off meeting MINUTES

Thursday, November 30, 2017 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. | Brown Heatly Building Room 3501 4900 North Lamar, Austin, Texas 78751

Meeting called by	Robert Dole	Noah Abdenour, Dennis Bach, Frank Davis, Patty Doty, Anna Gray, Stevie Hansen, Colleen Horton, Jason Howell, Jason Johnson, Meredith Jones, Sachin Kamble, Amelia Murphy, Janet Paleo, Joe Powell, Joseph Sanchez, Stanley Williams
Type of meeting	Peer Support Stakeholder Workgroup	Wayne Young
Facilitator	John Chacon	On the Phone: Karla Rose, Gregg Sherrill, Stephanie Jack
Note taker	Robyn Strickland & Laura Munch	
Timekeeper	John Chacon	

AGENDA TOPICS

30 minutes | 1:00-1:30 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, and Logistical Announcements | Presenter *John Chacon*

Discussion: Robert Dole welcomed the members of the Peer Stakeholder group and meeting participants. John Chacon was introduced as meeting facilitator. It was announced that the workgroup will meet monthly on the third Thursday. Mr. Chacon facilitated introductions and each workgroup member and HHSC staff introduced themselves. Housekeeping items were addressed such as breaks, location of bathrooms, availability of beverages and snacks, and what to do in case of emergency.

Closing: Robert Dole introduced Sonja Gaines, Associate Commissioner

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

No Action Items

10 minutes | 1:30 p.m.-1:40 p.m. | Opening Remarks | Presenter Associate Commissioner Sonja Gaines

Discussion: Ms. Gaines welcomed the group and provided words of encouragement and support to the workgroup.

Closing: Robert Dole introduced next agenda item.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

No Action Items

20 minutes | 1:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Agenda topic *Review and adopt draft bylaws* | Presenter *Robert Dole, HHSC and Noah Abdenour, Chair*

Discussion:

- Robert Dole addressed the following:
 - Overview of by-laws presented
 - Announced there is a possibility that subcommittees will be formed
 - Discussed conflict of interest and this issue was placed on the Parking Lot
 - Agenda will be developed for each meeting by Noah Abdenour and Shannon Carr
 - Requested that non-disclosure forms be signed and submitted to HHSC within 90 days
 - Requested that workgroup members complete Open Meetings training within 90 days
- Anna Gray addressed the following:
 - Proposed that workgroup members have input into meeting agendas
 - Requested clarification on conflict of interest

- Stated by-laws need to be amended to include language about majority vote. This issue was placed on the Parking Lot.
- Obtain clarification about the definition of Ex-Officio member.
- Obtain clarification related to statements in by-laws relate to meeting attendance, missing three meetings in a row versus three meetings per year.
- Dennis Bach inquired about “what is meant by confidential information”
- D. Frank Davis suggested having a meeting Parliamentary

Closing

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Obtain clarification from General Counsel regarding conflict of interest	Robert Dole	

30 minutes | 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Agenda topic Overview of HB 1486 - Review of Participant Agenda and Binder | Wendy Latham

Discussion:

- Wendy Latham welcomed the group and provided general information about the contents of the binder.
 - Binder divided in four parts
 - Blank paper included for notes
- Robert Dole reviewed House Bill 1486 and Rider 211 language (slide presented) and stated that \$79,500 each year is appropriated for training.

Conclusion Closing

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Provide an electronic copy of the Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan to workgroup members	Wendy Latham	Date time
Topic 2	Presenter Name	Date time

25 minutes | 2:30 p.m.-2:55 p.m. | Agenda topic *Creating a Medicaid Benefit* | Presenters: Laura Gold, Laura Jourdan & Suling Homsy

Discussion: Laura Gold discussed the Medicaid Letter dated 2007, based on the letter it is clear that peers have to be associated with an institution in order to bill for Medicaid. A peer will not be allowed to hang a shingle out and charge for their services. MH rehab was discussed, peers providing MH rehab do not have to have a certification to provide their services.

There was discussion about billing for prevention services; Laura Gold indicated that a peer service is considered a rehabilitative service and not a prevention service.

Laura Jourdan discussed the State plan amendment; workgroup members ask to see the plan

Peer Family Partners were discussed as to their requirements for CEU’s and supervision

Questions: **Based on the Medicaid Letter dated 2007 will this change the current qualifications for a peer?**

Will all MCO’s have the same contract? Medicaid staff said “yes” all MCO’s will have the same contract.

How many states currently bill for peer services? 36

Can we look at how other states have created a billable service for peers?

Medicaid staff indicated that have the information to share on other state plans for Medicaid.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Provide research on other state plans that address peer support services, specifically any links to approved state plans	Medicaid Staff	
Provide link for the Medicaid State Plan	Medicaid Staff	

25 minutes | 3:05 p.m.-3:30 p.m. | Agenda topic *Provide Overview of MH services today* Presenter Wendy Latham

25 minutes 3:30 p.m. – 3:55 p.m. | Agenda topic *Recovery Coach Services today* | Presenter Laura Munch

10 minutes | 3:55 p.m.-4:05 p.m. Agenda topic *Orientation to State Rules and Rule Development* | Presenter Deborah Hujar

Discussion: Deborah provided a high level overview on:

- rule development
- need to be specific when writing rules
- the timeline for a rule to be posted in the Texas Register
- rule and Medicaid process being a parallel process

Conclusion: Deborah indicated the need to provide a good solid draft for the process to go quickly and the program to be implemented.

40 minutes | 4:05 p.m.-4:45 p.m. | Agenda topic *Review Draft Rules* | Presenter Wendy Latham and Robert Dole

Discussion :

- purpose of the 1486 bill
- intent of 1486 bill
- to allow or disallow services to those aged 17-21
- both practices MH/SA growing up within the same agency and acknowledging the similarities and differences of the peer service
- how to begin to review the draft document
- concern over the language in the draft document being slanted towards MH

The work group will be tasked with creating uniformity for basic training of peers and to provide specialization for MH, SA and co-occurring. The group wanted to know what definitions are standard for HSSC and what definitions could be revised.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

Next Meeting date:

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 on the ASH campus Building 552 Conference Room 125