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Correctional Treatment Board and Behavioral Health Organization Meeting Minutes

June 12th, 2014
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Attendance:

Correctional Treatment Board: Dave Walcher – Arapahoe County Sheriff, Jeanne Smith – DCJ, Barry Pardus - DOC, Eric Philp – Judicial. **Behavioral Health Organizations (BHO):** Tom Clay – Foothills Behavioral Health Partners, Shelly Spalding – Behavioral Healthcare, Tina McCrory – Colorado Health Partnerships, John Kiekhaefer – Colorado Access. **Guests:** Kyle Brown - HCPF, Chelsea Hansen - HCPF, Peggy Heil - DCJ,

Minutes:

The Correctional Treatment Board met with representatives from the Behavioral Health Organization community to continue discussions around the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and how efforts can be coordinated to the benefit of the criminal justice community.

The meeting began with a discussion about the substance-use disorder (SUD) providers currently in the BHO networks. The criminal justice community is interested in getting lists of SUD providers to compare with its current provider list. The goal is to connect as many current SUD providers with the BHO network as possible. The BHO community will gather a list of its providers so the criminal justice agencies can compare. Once this is done, more communication will be had as to increasing networks where needed.

It was clarified that individual CAC-certified providers cannot bill Medicaid. However, CAC certified providers working for an OBH-licensed agency can provide SUD treatment and Medicaid will pay. Conversations are being had and need to be supported on how to connect individual CAC providers with OBH-licensed organizations. This is particularly important in rural areas.

A brief discussion was had as to the auditing function within BHOs. Audits are currently done at least annually and look at compliance with Medicaid regulations, various performance measures, outcomes, evidence-based practices and more. The Correctional Treatment Board and BHO community will explore this function in the future after the treatment networks have been cross-referenced and enhanced with statewide SUD providers.

The idea of developing a “criminal justice approved” designation within the BHO networks was discussed. The concept is for the criminal justice community to determine what sorts of things it needs/wants from the treatment community - confidentiality releases, training in RNR, fidelity to treatment models, data entry into agency systems, etc. Once these are developed, another conversation will be had with the BHOs to determine what can be built into provider contracts.

A discussion was had about “Braided Funding.” Often, the court orders treatment at levels above what is deemed medically necessary. In those cases, Medicaid will pay for medically-necessary treatment and the criminal justice system will cover the balance. The treatment community is essential in making this concept work, therefore, a flow-chart/decision-making map needs to be developed to clarify the process for providers. The Correctional Treatment Board will work on a draft flow map for review/input by the BHO group.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45