
Substance Use Disorder Director's Report May 2020

- 1. Oversight Policy Board (OPB):** the OPB will meet again June 3 and it will be done virtually.
- 2. TalkSooner Marketing Campaign:** Due to COVID-19, our media plan for this fiscal year has changed significantly and attached you will find information put together by our marketing partner Karen Kirchenbauer of Seyferth PR.
- 3. Partnership For Success (PFS) (SUD prevention) grant site visit:** The site visit with the Department is scheduled for Monday May 18th. This will be for Muskegon, Mason and Oceana counties. However, due to Muskegon via Mercy Health Staff being furloughed, we are postponing the Muskegon portion of the site visit. This five-year grant will be ending this FY and will not be renewed. Consequently, Oceana county is writing for the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Support Grant for sustainability for future years. Muskegon and Mason counties are still formulating their sustainability plan.
- 4. SUD Strategic Plan:** The Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (OROSC) has released their requirements for PIHP's to create a robust 3-year strategic plan. The strategic plan is due to the department July 17th. At next month's board meetings (full LRE Board and the Oversight Policy Board) a draft of the plan along with next steps will be provided. Currently, the prevention providers and the SUD ROAT members (treatment and recovery) teams have been helping provide information to populate the plan. The LRE would like to thank our SUD team for their willingness to help write and inform the plan using virtual platforms as this is not the preferred way to conduct strategic planning.
- 5. Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC):** April 1, this took effect in our region. Currently, we are working at the local level to ensure the local agents understand our regional process, as there continues to be questions and misinformation at the local level. Due to COVID-19, the referral process has been relatively slow. We are keeping track of the number of referrals and the number of consumers who actually meet medical necessity. It is our hope that we can educate the local agents on our standards to better inform their referrals.
- 6. Regional Trainings:** the LRE is attempting to conduct regional trainings via a virtual platform and or reschedule for this fall as in person trainings. This is proving to be difficult as this is an ever-changing landscape with Covid-19.
- 7. SUD Standard Assessment Tool Update:** Recently we learned that CMS has approved MDHHS's request for leniency which relaxes the restriction to use ONLY the Global Appraisal of Individual Needs Initial (GAIN-I) Core assessment and now allows for the use of other standardized assessments that utilize both the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for determining a level of care and provides a DSM diagnosis. OROSC has tasked the PIHPs with choosing an assessment tool that meets these standards for implementation.

To that end we are working with our Region's SUD CMHSP's and with our fellow PIHPs to develop a strategy for conducting a review of other options that meet the required mandates. We endeavor to be thoughtful, encouraging ideas and feedback, incorporating them into the process while also acting quickly as we know this has direct implications to the field. Consequently, as a region here are a few important factors for your reference:

- Current GAIN Regional Meetings: Have been cancelled until further notice.
- Current pilot project with Wedgwood has been cancelled until further notice.
- Current GAIN Trainings: This status remains unchanged, there are no new trainings scheduled.
- MYTIE Providers: will continue to provide the GAIN as prescribed by the grant.

8. **SUD Legislation:** Attached please find the updated grid of SUD legislation for your reference and note the several new tobacco related bills.
9. **LRE SUD Treatment Data:** Attached please find the monthly Treatment data pulled from BHTeds.