
AGENDA ITEM 7

Action

October 27, 2016 Commission Meeting

Regulations Implementation Project Report

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider adopting the recommendations unanimously approved by the Regulations Implementation Subcommittee (Subcommittee) to implement the Prevention and Early Intervention and Innovation Projects regulations.

The Subcommittee (consisting of Commissioner Larry Poaster as chair, and Commissioners Khatera Aslami-Tamplen and Richard Van Horn) was formed by the MHSOAC during the latter part of 2015 to work with the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), counties, consumers, family members, community mental health providers, and other stakeholders to address specific concerns about the implementation of the Commission's regulations that went into effect in October of 2015. Those concerns dealt with:

- New reporting requirements on the demographics of persons served, including race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identification.
- New program and measurement requirements, under the statutorily required Access and Linkage to Treatment for people with a serious mental illness.
- New requirement to measure the duration of untreated mental illness.

The Subcommittee held six public meetings throughout the State to better understand the challenges faced by counties and providers in the implementation of the regulations in the three areas listed above. More than 200 people, representing over 40 counties, attended the meetings. These public meetings included persons with a range of perspectives and expertise to ensure the Subcommittee received guidance that appropriately balanced statewide needs and responsibilities with local priorities and resources. The Subcommittee benefited from participation in the meetings by representatives from county behavioral health departments and the Department of Health Care Services, as well as subject-matter experts including a diverse set of people with lived experiences of being at risk of or diagnosed with mental illness, or their families.

Informed by the knowledge, experience, and expertise of the meeting participants, the Subcommittee identified key findings regarding the challenges to operationalizing the three regulatory requirements and recommendations to address those challenges. The Subcommittee

at its June 29, 2016 meeting obtained input to the draft findings and recommendations and at its August 3, 2016 meeting unanimously approved the revised findings and recommendations to be submitted to the full Commission for consideration.

The draft full report containing the findings and recommendations that were approved by the Subcommittee are enclosed for your review and consideration.

Presenter: Filomena Yeroshek, Chief Counsel

Enclosures: The draft report containing findings and recommendations approved by the Regulations Implementation Project Subcommittee.

Handout: A PowerPoint presentation will be made available at the meeting

Proposed Motion: The MHSOAC adopts the recommendations submitted by the Regulations Implementation Project Subcommittee