

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING

Date: September 25, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Attendees: Margret Graham (LDN CSB), Daryl Washington (FFX CSB), Deborah Warren (ARL CSB), Carol Layer (ALX CSB), Lisa Madron (PWC CSB), Betsy Strawderman (PWC CSB), Lisa Snider (Lou CSB), Amy Smiley (NVMHI), Jean Post (NVRPO), Randy Buckland (NVRPO), Robyn Fontaine (NVRPO), Tara Belfast-Hurd (DBHDS), Jamie Elzie (DBHDS), Angelo Wider (VACSB Chari), Emma Lowry (Piedmont – DBHDS)

Guests: Lisa Jobe-Shields (DBHDS)

Recorder: Xiuping Cheung (NVRPO)

Call to Order: Margret Graham (LDN CSB) called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The group was welcomed, and introductions were made.

Handouts: Agenda, RMG meeting minutes (August 2020), Regional Utilization Management Report, Regional Budget

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Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M. Graham facilitated introductions and welcomed the group.Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved.			
STEP-VA check in survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">L. Jobe-Shields reviewed a preliminary report on the STEP-VA surveys, completed by Region 2, in an effort to ensure that strengths and challenges were captured accurately before submitting it to the GA.			
Legislative items from Special Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HB 5043 Bourne/SB 5038 McPike (MH crisis response, and Marcus alert bills) are of concern to the CSBs because they are very prescriptive, don't leverage STEP-VA Mobile Crisis services, create some duplicative efforts, and have implementation timelines that are not reasonable. There has been news that HB 5043 and SB 5038 will be merging into one bill, but no additional information has been shared. The Bourne bill establishes 5 Marcus alert programs and community teams, one within each DBHDS region. The care team is defined in the bill as "a group of mental health service providers working with registered peer recovery specialists and law-enforcement officers as a team, with the MH service provider leading the team, to help stabilize individuals in crisis." The McPike bill establishes a comprehensive crisis service continuum comprised of a crisis call center, mobile crisis teams, crisis stabilization centers, and a Marcus alert system, some of which are already part of the STEP-VA Mobile Crisis services.			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 5086 Kory, MH crisis co-response team – this bill is not expected to move forward. 			
Legislative priorities for Oct meeting with liaisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group briefly discussed the priorities for October's meeting with the legislative liaisons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A single Case Manager rate for all case management type services. Regional management fee as part of MH coordination workgroup. Supporting VACSB legislative priorities. Further discussion will occur on a Monday RMG call. 			
PSH 1x Regional Grant for consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J. Post provided an update on the FY21 Regional Permanent Supportive Housing one-time funds grant for a PSH consultant. Loudoun CSB drafted the Scope of Work for an RFP, and Rappahannock Area CSB has offered to issue the RFP on behalf of multiple regions, to include R2. Because Rappahannock Area CSB is an Operating Board, it is anticipated that the process will be much quicker than if the RFP were to go through a CSB that is part of a local government. 			
Regional Budget and UM Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional UM report was reviewed with the RMG in yesterday's RUG Hospital Partner meeting, and therefore, tabled in this meeting. J. Post shared that R2 is experiencing increasing trends for TDOs (12%) and Adult TDOs (20%), compared to last year. This will be monitored closely in the coming months. R. Fontaine shared the Regional Budget summary with the group. 			
Round Robin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Warren: Arl CSB started a BH Docket a week ago, challenge: only 1/3 of folks in the jail are Arlington residents. Many are from DC and MD. Arlington has a policing practice workgroup that is meeting weekly to explore best practice nation policing models. C. Layer: The Alex City Council is inquiring about co-responder models to address behavioral health and domestic violence, among other things. A 10% reduction in general fund dollars is anticipated. SAMHSA visited to learn more about the Alexandria responses during the pandemic. L. Snider: HSAG audit, not working well. Information from HSAG is conflicting from rep to rep; Private providers are also not getting the same information. There is a lack of communication and no timeline. Scheduling interviews is also a challenge. Need to focus on what needs to be accomplished. Group will gather feedback and reach out to H. Norton. 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Smiley: Many audits are occurring at NVMHI: 1. Office State Inspector General annual surprise visit occurred last week; 2. Public Procurement annual audit also occurred last week; 3. ABA/payroll audit will occur next week. As of last Friday – Admitted 21, discharged 10. In August up to this point, there have been 37 admissions and 71 discharges. The facility is getting a new EHR, and training started on Monday. The EHR goes live on 27th of October. Some staffing challenges persist due to COVID but the program has been free from new staff +COVID cases for the past 30 days. D. Washington: DBHDS has a new IT lead who seems to have a good understanding of our system needs. DW will send the contact info to RMG. A. Wider: Thanked the group for the invite and offered to assist in any way he can. 			

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be on October 23, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.


Recorder

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