

**NC Providers Council MH/SUD Committee Videoconference Meeting Minutes**

**2/18/2022**

**12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

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| **ATTENDEES** | | | | | |
| NAME | Present | NAME | Present | NAME | Present |
| Sara Huffman, Chair |  | Laura Mcilvaine, RHA |  | Ben Millsap, CCR |  |
| Teri Hermann, Sparc |  | Charles Hill, RHA |  | Sandy Feutz, RHA |  |
| Krista Engels, RHA |  | Dan Zorn, Sparc |  | Jeannie King, Pinnacle Family Services |  |
| Melaina Rhoney, Caring Alternative |  | Michelle Brewer, Omni Visions |  | Sharlena Thomas, RHA |  |
| Sarah Pfau, CCR |  | Joel Maynard, NCPC |  | Peyton Maynard, NCPC |  |
| Krista Engels, RHA |  | Glenn Crider |  |  |  |

* **Welcome and Introductions** – Sara Huffman and Teri Hermann, Co-Chairs
* **Discussion of Medicaid Expansion**
  + **Group discussed the fact that the MH/SUD group is probably the group related to NCPC that will be most affected if expansion happens.**
  + **Joel will look around to other states about how expansion has affected these populations**
  + **Providers would have good data potentially related to SUD and state funds**
* **COVID Flexibilities**
  + Sun-setting COVID Flexibilities
    - Seems to be some confusion about why some services are sunsetting differently than others.
    - During the fireside chat from 2/17 the Dept. indicated they were open to feedback related to how flexibilities have helped. Need information behind any suggestions.
    - Challenges with certain modifiers may have lead to them being underutilized (e.g. Telehealth)
    - Discussion of services like ACT and the difficulties with sunsetting those flexibilities. Some organizations are having more staffing issues now than in the middle of the pandemic. Current staffing issues could affect access to care.
    - Discussion of requesting a rate review for community-based services as rates are reduced back to previous levels but the increased staffing costs have not reduced.
    - NCPC will consider a White Paper
* **New Business/Open Discussion**
  + Tailored Plan Updates
* Medicaid Transformation – Universal SAR still not published, keep checking the website.
  + Discussion of the difficulty related to changing from the Standard Plan back to Medicaid Direct
  + Things were getting better and then got worse but trending a little better recently
* **Future Speaker/Topics**
* Please reach out to Sara and/or Terri if you have any requests for speakers
* **Adjourn**
* **Next Meeting: April** **2022**