**DMH/DD/SAS Updates for the NC Provider Council on 11/03/2022**

**Joint Communication Bulletins**

**Joint Communication Bulletin #J434** titled, *Revision to the State-Funded Community Living and Support Service***,** was disseminated on October 12, 2022.

* This bulletin details changes in the service definition which became effective on 10/5/2022.
* The change was an update to the language: “An individual who receives Community Living and Support may not receive any residential services or Supported Living Periodic.”
* If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact Stephanie Jones at [Stephanie.jones@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Stephanie.jones@dhhs.nc.gov) or [DMHIDDCONTACT@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:DMHIDDCONTACT@dhhs.nc.gov).

**Joint Communication Bulletin #J435** titled, *Transitions to Community Living (TCL) Employment Incentive Plan* was sent out on October 12, 2022.

* This bulletin details information about the TCL Employment Incentive Plan developed by DMH/DD/SAS that will be incorporated into the TCL Incentive Plan created by the DHHS TCL/Olmstead office.
* The TCL Incentive Plan will include three employment measures focused on the following: 1) IPS service provision for TCL participants in pre-housing or community housing settings (i.e., individuals in Adult Care Home or State Psychiatric Hospital In-Reach, transition or rehousing planning, with an active diversion attempt, or housed in the community without a TCL slot), 2) IPS service provision for TCL participants in supportive housing, and 3) competitive, integrated employment rates for TCL members in supportive housing.
  + The Employment Plan Workbook is included in the email with the Joint Communication Bulletin.
  + If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Herring at: [Margaret.herring@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Margaret.herring@dhhs.nc.gov) or Nicole Ness at: [Nicole.ness@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Nicole.ness@dhhs.nc.gov).

**Joint Communication Bulletin #J436** entitled, *Update to Reporting of DMH/DD/SAS Performance Measures Templates and Reporting Guidance* was disseminated on October 28, 2022.

* This bulletin provides a revised reporting template for the DMH/DD/SAS Quarterly Performance Measures through State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022-2023 for LME/MCO reporting run out.
* The LME/MCO Quarterly Access to Care reporting requirement has ended and the October report will not be required. LME/MCOs should continue to ensure access to emergent, urgent and routine service timeframes are met for DMH recipients per the contract.
* The template is included as a separate attachment with the JCB.
* If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Bowman at Jennifer.bowman@dhhs.nc.gov or[**contactdmhquality@dhhs.nc.gov**](mailto:contactdmhquality@dhhs.nc.gov)**.**

**Joint DMH/DD/SAS and DHB Calls** continue to be held monthly; the next provider call will be on Thursday, Nov. 3rd from 3-4pm; here is the link to register:

https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7358555662830490126

**DMH/DD/SAS Staffing Update**: we have a new Assistant Director for Stakeholder Engagement: Jennifer Meade, who comes to DMH/DD/SAS with over 23 years of experience in the North Carolina behavioral health system. She began her new role in October.

A **Mental Health Town Hall Meeting** with Secretary Kody Kinsley and Senator Jim Burgin will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 from 6-7:30pm at the James Sprunt Community College, Boyette Building, letter “F”, Room 113, 133 James Sprunt Drive, Kenansville, NC 28349. The discussion will focus on mental health issues facing North Carolina. Please RSVP to: <https://forms.office.com/g/idGcMrTT5j> . Attendees will have the chance to provide comments and ask questions after the opening remarks.