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Behavioral Health Provider Rate Workgroup Meeting #6 Minutes

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12:00 PM (MST) – 3:00 PM (MST)

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Agenda

1. Welcome

Jackie Jandt with DPHHS welcomed attendees to the meeting. Coy Jones with Guidehouse presented the agenda for the meeting and began facilitating

2. Rate Model Inputs

Guidehouse provided an update on the Rate Component Assumptions and Benchmark Rate Overview

- Attendee: Where in the survey did we report mileage for individual services?
 - GH: In the survey mileage was considered under travel times. For different services there were accounts for time lost from travel from site to site. Mileage was derived by reported time and using an average speed in that time to develop a reasonable assumption of the miles that were being used. Because Montana is rural, on average it was 35 MPH which is about 10 MPH over national average. Came together under cost of fuel and other expenses and lost time.
- Attendee: Current rate is actually around \$34 for ASAM. I am wondering if the benchmark rate is for 24 hours?

- GH: Not all ASAM rates have been completed. We were hoping to show a handful of rates to show how we are approaching the buildup of these rates. Currently discussing with the divisions about changes to the existing rates. They are updating rates and making sure we are aware. ASAM usually also used to include a room and board which we haven't included. Wanted to at least get these out here to show how they changed.
- Attendee: What about the TCM rate for youth mental health?
 - GH: That is TBD. That is one we are still working on. It has not fallen off tracker but still working on recommendation.
- Attendee: On CSCT we moved to a day rate, so how are you using 15-minute rate? On extraordinary needs services and home supports services that is great, thank you. I would like to get some feedback from the Department on those questions.
 - GH: Understood that the new CSCT rate is \$96/ per diem. GH plans to use the calculated 15-minute rate and follow a similar methodology to reach a per diem rate.
- Attendee: What are wage assumptions over time?
 - GH: In this deck we don't look at inflation or supplemental payments, but we did in previous decks. Please reach out with additional questions. These include assumptions from before. All pieces included in so have to refer back to others, but we can talk through.

3. Rate Models

Guidehouse provided examples of Rate Models.

- Attendee: Do you have a peer state comparison for therapeutic youth group homes?
 - GH: Not in a way that gives us an informative look. No apples-to-apples comparison. With peer states we need to affirm that everything in the service is the same to make sure rate is comparable, so difficult to do therapeutic youth group home due to variables.
- Attendee: Rules have changed on certain required hours so contact Isaac who could work through requirements, but stats could be altered based on required hours.
- Attendee: I wanted to remind you that you were going to look at the SUD assessment rate because it was cut in 2018 and has never been increased.

4. Cost Reporting

Guidehouse presented on Cost Reporting

5. Mental Health Professional Services

Guidehouse presented on Mental Health Professional Services

6. Next Steps and Additional Analysis to be Conducted

Guidehouse provided an update on Rate Models in Progress

- Attendee: Are Youth Shelter Rates are being looked at? I thought they were not since they are not Medicaid.
 - GH: Not looking solely at Medicaid and are reviewing a few non-Medicaid services such as Youth Shelter Care.

7. Public Comment

There was no additional public comment

8. Adjournment @ 3:00 PM (MST)

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