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GROUP MEETING: SUD Oversight Policy Board
PLACE: Region 10 PIHP – 3111 Electric Ave., Port Huron, MI / Virtual Meeting via MS Teams
DATE: August 2, 2022
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PRESIDING: Kenneth Briggs

Present: Kenneth Briggs, Cheryl Clark, Gary Jones, Olivia DeMoss, Kimberly Shewmaker, Michael Slater, Bobbie Umbreit
Absent: Todd Anglebrandt, Ryan Ashley, Jeff Stoner
Also Present: Jim Johnson, Region 10 Chief Executive Officer, Cindy Eckert, Region 10 SUD Administrative Coordinator; Michelle McFadden, Region 10 Recording Secretary
Guests: Dr. Diane Morris, MD – Meridian Health Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Chairperson Briggs and roll call was conducted by Recording Secretary.

2. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

3. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

Cheryl Clark arrived at 3:45 pm.

4. PRESENTATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (Action)

It was moved by Ms. DeMoss, seconded by Ms. Umbreit, to approve the June 7, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kenneth Briggs, Cheryl Clark, Gary Jones, Olivia DeMoss, Michael Slater, Bobbie Umbreit; Nays: None.

5. PRESENTATION BY DR. DIANE MORRIS, MD – MERIDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

Mr. Briggs introduced Dr. Diane Morris, MD for her presentation on the increased use of Methamphetamines in the Region 10 catchment area. Dr. Morris presented on how Methamphetamines are now being produced in Mexico by Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations (MDTO's). These MDTO's have discovered new methods of importing Methamphetamines in liquid form. The liquid is dissolved in solvents for ease in concealing to transport across the border from Mexico to the US. Once the liquid form is in the US, it is transformed into

crystals in conversion labs. Currently these conversion labs are located in the following states: California, Arizona, and Georgia. According to the Michigan State Police Report on Methamphetamines, conversion labs have not been located in Michigan. The Michigan State Police have partnered with city and county law enforcement agencies across the state to utilize MSP forensic laboratories. The labs are located throughout the state in order to better serve partnering law enforcement agencies.

Dr. Morris also presented from the MSP Report MICR Data, Figure 6, Page 11 of the report. The report includes Methamphetamine use, possession, manufacturing, and distribution arrest data for the time period of 2017 – 2020. Manufacturing charges decreased 56% from 2017 to 2018. There was a slight increase in 2020 MICR data, but overall was 76% lower than 2017. The numbers in the data are inclusive of both methamphetamine powder and crystal methamphetamine. There is also data for the breakdown of separate arrest charges for use, possession, manufacture, and the distribution of methamphetamine powder and crystal methamphetamine for 2020. The data indicates that Methamphetamine arrests are higher compared to Crystal Methamphetamine.

Dr. Morris presented on a publication from SAMHSA titled “Treatment of Stimulant Use Disorders”. The purpose of sharing the document was to inform the group of the rising rates of stimulant use and the need for specific treatment programs and practices for behavioral health care providers and healthcare administrators. Also discussed was the importance of Dopamine levels as related to stimulant use disorder and the recommended minimum length of treatment is nine months. A reward system (contingency management) in treating stimulant use disorder is most used and has a high success rate. Dr. Morris opened the floor for questions.

Kimberly Shewmaker arrived at 3:55 pm.

6. BOARD MEETING PLACE / PLATFORM & BY-LAWS

Chairperson Briggs asked for clarification on the Board Meeting Place / Platform & By-Laws. Mr. Johnson discussed concern relative to the new language that was adopted in the amended By-Laws. Specifically in regard to: “Teleconference or videoconference is available for all meetings, however, it is recommended to meet in person two (2) times during the calendar year, once in September and once in March”. Mr. Johnson opened the floor for discussion. After discussion, this section of the current amended By-Laws will be updated and presented to this board for review two weeks prior to the September 6, 2022, SUD Oversight Policy Board meeting.

7. CEO UPDATE

Mr. Johnson indicated that there is nothing significant to report as legislation is on summer recess. Mr. Johnson reported that DHHS has awarded \$75,000,000.00 in Demonstration projects for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in Michigan. MDHHS has awarded \$30,000,000.00 for Opioid Health Homes. Senate bills 597 and 598 have not been brought up for a vote on the Senate floor as of yet. Region 10 has received ARPA grant funds. Opioid settlement dollars of \$16,000,000 have been received so far and are being managed through the Attorney General as distribution to municipalities.

8. BUDGET

A. Monthly Financial Report – May 2022

Mr. Johnson indicated that there is nothing significant to report. Medicaid revenue is still high due to the Covid Pandemic. Block Grant funding is on track as well as PA2 funds.

9. PROVIDER NETWORK UPDATE

A. Synar Update

Ms. Eckert reported on the Synar Update. Synar activities are complete. The final Synar report is due to MDHHS by September 2022.

Ms. Eckert also reported on Contract Development for FY23 and that negotiations have begun and that the team is working diligently on finalizing contracts for approval at the September 16, 2022, Region 10 Board meeting.

Ms. Eckert reported on Contract Monitoring. All virtual audits have been completed. Contract Monitoring reports are being aggregated and this information will be presented to the Region 10 Board meeting on September 16, 2022.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

11. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Shewmaker to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Briggs adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle McFadden
Recording Secretary