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The Coalition for Behavioral Health

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Agenda

- Budget Highlights for 2018
- Improving Access to Adult BH HCBS
- BH VBP Readiness Program
- Children's Health and Behavioral Health Transition
- NYS Crisis Response System
- Assertive Community Treatment



Budget Highlights for 2018

- **Residential Enhancements:** The Budget includes \$10M for targeted increases to existing stipends for Supported Housing and Single Room Occupancy Units – bringing total investments to more than \$42.5M annually since 2014-15.
- **Workforce COLA\Minimum Wage:** The Budget provides \$38.2M to fully annualize and support the Workforce COLAs for direct care and clinical staff and minimum wage adjustments.
- **Capital for Crisis Respite Programs:** New \$50M capital appropriation to develop community based crisis respite capacity.
- **Community Beds:** The Budget includes full support for the residential pipeline including resources for 1,300 new beds coming on-line.
- **Clozapine:** Proposes MC Pilot to Improve Access to Clozapine as the Evidence Based Choice for Treatment-Refractory Schizophrenia (Net Savings \$4M Gross/\$2M State in 2018-19)
- **Best Practices in Emergency Room Diversions and Inpatient Discharge:** Proposes Initiative to Advance Best Practices in Emergency Room Diversion and Inpatient Discharge (Net Savings \$9M Gross/\$4.5M State in 2018-19)



BH Medicaid Managed Care

- New York began transitioning behavioral health services for adults into managed care in October, 2015 in NYC and July, 2016 in the rest of the State. The transition has proceeded smoothly.
- Approximately 105,000 people are enrolled in Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs); the State's behavioral health specialty managed care product.
- Individuals enrolled in a HARP can be assessed to access home and community based services (HCBS) specialty services



Improving Access to Adult BH HCBS

- The uptake on Adult Behavioral Health HCBS is slow but OMH has worked with DOH and OASAS to expedite access by doing the following:
 - HARP on the Exchange
 - Removal of the full HCBS Assessment requirement
 - Received CMS approval for increases to HCBS rates
 - Increased Consumer Education
 - Funding initiatives through the MCOs are underdevelopment



Access to HCBS for HARP Members not Enrolled in Health Homes

- Implementation of State Designated Entity (SDE).
 - Guidance released 1/22/2018
- HARPs and HIV SNPs may contract directly with State Designated Entities (SDEs)
- SDE can perform the NYS Eligibility Assessment and Person Centered Plans of Care
- State Designated Entities are community-based organizations affiliated with a Health Home



BH VBP Readiness Program

- \$60 million award over three years to form Behavioral Health Care Collaboratives
- Awards will help behavioral health providers transform to a Value-Based Payment business model
- 19 awards to providers covering approximately
 - 75% of Medicaid managed enrollees who use behavioral health services in NYC
 - 90% of Medicaid managed enrollees who use behavioral health services in the rest of the State



BH VBP Readiness Program

- Funding Awards will be used for:
 - **Connecting the patient to the next level of integrated healthcare by identifying gaps in the continuum of care;**
 - Ensuring ongoing monitoring of care planning, to avoid unnecessary costs and avoidable complications;
 - Identifying opportunities for performance improvement and cost reduction;
 - Improving IT capabilities to more efficiently share data with other providers and partners;
 - Developing a quality improvement process for responding when issues are not being addressed or quality indicators are not being met.



Children's Health and Behavioral Health Transition

- There will be a delay for the Children's Health and Behavioral Health Medicaid Managed Care Transition.
 - Budget proposal assumes 2 year delay and a confirmed timeline will be announced once the budget is final.
- NYS remains committed to Children's services.
- All 6 1915c waivers will continue including the OMH SED waiver.



Children's Behavioral Health Initiatives

- **Addressing Maternal Depression**: OMH will build on existing Project TEACH services to meet Governor Cuomo's directive to address maternal depression. This will be done through: adding information to the Project TEACH website; adding on-line training; holding a conference focused on maternal depression, and phasing in specialty consultation.
- **Healthy Steps**: 17 Healthy Step sites have been awarded. Each site is operational and have provided services to over 1300 children and their families as of September 2017. Currently, they are participating in leaning collaboratives on building Trauma Informed Practice and integrating the Adverse Childhood Experiences Survey into practices.
- **Innovation in Children's Behavioral Health Service Delivery**: OMH has recently changed regulation to allow for delivery of an Intensive Outpatient Programs for children and adults. OMH will also be releasing guidance on February 5, 2018 for the Mobile Crisis portion of the Crisis Intervention Mainstream Managed Care benefit.
- **Mental Health Education in Schools**: OMH is working in partnership with SED and MHANYS to implement this law which requires all elementary, middle and high schools to incorporate mental health curriculum within their health instruction. It is scheduled to be in effect by July 2018.



NYS Crisis Response System

- New York State and counties are developing a shared vision of coordinated behavioral health crisis system response system available to all New Yorkers, regardless of ability to pay.
- Crisis response system will integrate existing crisis infrastructure with newly available resources in Medicaid managed care.
- Crisis response system will vary by region due to differences in local resources and variations in local approach to response that integrates existing services, including mobile crisis and residential crisis services
- Current budget includes capital money for residential crisis services



Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)

ACT is a multidisciplinary, evidence based, team approach to providing comprehensive and flexible treatment, support, and rehabilitation services.

- In 2016, 5 new teams were developed with a forensic focus.
- In 2017 OMH announced the availability of funds for the development of 20 ACT Teams statewide.
 - 10 new teams are located in NYC and have a focus on working with the Mental Health Shelters.
 - Awards for the additional 10 ACT Teams across New York State are being finalized. Those teams will serve people in Westchester, Niagara, Cattaraugus, Fulton, Montgomery, Warren and Washington counties, as well as New York City and Long Island.
- OMH is looking at outcome data and best practices for specialized ACT teams including Shelter-focused and Forensic-focused teams.



Thank you!