

## **Behavioral Health Delivery Workgroup Meeting Minutes September 22, 2023**

### **Participants**

#### **Committee Members**

Adam Cohen, Nina Ferrell, Brian Monsen, Joel Johnson, Russ Elbel, Brent Kelsey, Lisa Heaton, and Jennifer Strohecker.

#### **Committee Members Absent**

Senator Michael Kennedy, Representative James Dunnigan, Dr. Katherine Carlson, Kyle Snow, Tim Whalen, Jed Burton, Patrick Fleming, Jennifer Ford, Julie Ewing, and Jake Shoff.

#### **Division of Integrated Healthcare Staff**

Eric Grant, Jennifer Meyer-Smart, Greg Trollan, Dave Wilde, Becky Johnson, Nate Checketts, and Sharon Steigerwalt.

#### **Attendees**

Ali Warcup, Allison Heffernan, Andrea Neilson, Elizabeth Klc, Emma Chacon, Joseph White, Kristeen Jones, Lynette Tesch, Mark Greenwood, Maura Mendenhall, Michael Hales, Nelson Clayton, and Rachel Craig.

### **Welcome**

Jennifer Strohecker started the meeting welcoming everyone and proceeded with the approval of the June meeting minutes.

### **Approval of June 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Russ Elbel motioned to approve the minutes. Adam Cohen seconded the motion. No opposed. Motion passed to approve the minutes.

### **UMIC Contracts Updates**

Jennifer Strohecker gave an introduction to discuss the UMIC contracts from the last meeting. Overall strategy was to look at the TAM population and consider moving the population to the UMIC model as well as expanding the UMIC contracts into the other

managed care enrolled counties. Discussions are currently taking place with behavioral health providers in the ACO enrolled counties to ensure they have the opportunity to express their concerns and challenges. The state will then meet with the ACO's to have individual discussions.

Brent Kelsey gave an update of how those conversations have gone so far. Meetings have been held with Weber Human Services, Southwest Behavioral Mental Health, Bear River Substance Abuse, Utah County in relation to their operation of services in Wasatch county, and Tooele county. A meeting is still needed with Summit county. Some common issues emerged from the discussions such as credentialing, prior authorization, staff turnover, the need for administrative infrastructure in terms of billing, and insufficient fee for service rates. Brent provided an overview of the regional discussions and concerns that were brought up, then opened the discussion up to the attendees on their thoughts and feedback. Many committee members and attendees shared their viewpoints including getting down to the details of the issues so resolutions can be made now versus later.

Jennifer Strohecker stated we will bring the results of these conversations and any other updates to the next meeting.

### **Justice-involved Waiver Update**

Jennifer Strohecker gave an update on the justice-involved waiver. CMS is working on four waiver amendments from Utah Medicaid; in vitro fertilization, oncofertility, UPP increase, and the medical respite amendments. Medical respite is designed for the TAM population who have been discharged from an in-patient setting and meet home health level of care requirements. This medical respite benefit will allow up to 40 days in a rolling calendar year of respite covered services. The state is in the process of submitting an RFP for one location with a program that can support these services. After these four amendments, CMS will review the justice-involved amendment. We have been in some discussion with CMS, but additional discussion will be forthcoming. A few states have been approved for their justice-involved waivers. We are working on programming and processes and the facilities are ready to do this work.

### **Adjourn**

With no additional comments or questions, Jennifer Strohecker adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.