

FACHSA Mid-Year Workshop Minutes February 22, 2013

Minutes were approved in June 2013 at The Annual Meeting

Attendees: Ann Arnall, Claudia Tuck, Pauline Tracy, Maria Vega, Cheryl Amey, Kelvin Almestica, Wilma Daniels, Dessie Caraccio, Natalia Jackson, Clark Scott, Angie Wilson, Elaine Maholtz, Pat James, Brad McCloud, Joy Andrews, Amy Engelken, Cathy Taylor, Cathy Pearson, Vikki Carpenter, Emily Lewis, Beth Ryder, Renee Scott, Stefanie Myers, Allison Thall, Veda Ramirez, Angela Sterling, Celestia McCloud, Yul Anderson, Candie Nixon, Elmira Warren & Lanard Perry

DCF Managing Entities Status and Plans to Bid Behavioral Health Services:

Guest Speakers: Mike Carroll, Regional DCF Administrator, Sun Coast Region; Mike Krause, Central Florida Behavioral Network; Maria Bledsoe, CEO, Central Florida Cares Health System; Ann Berner, CEO, Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network

- Managing Entities (MEs) are touted as being Innovative, collaborative and efficient. They are seen as a way to provide flexibility and incentives to innovate and improve systems and eliminate duplication of services. MEs are in all areas, except NW FL (Pensacola area). Outcome measures are very important.
 - Sarasota County was the first area to engage in the ME concept...Lee County is on deck now.
- Central Florida Behavioral Network – in existence since 1997. MH, SA. 20% of current board are providers. Goal is to have a system of care that's available to people who otherwise don't have access to care. They have ability to move money around from county to county and circuit to circuit; not region to region.
- Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network –5% is taken out of services to pay for MEs. In theory the reduction forces providers to be more efficient in administering delivering services. Contract is Nov 1st. Medicaid is difficult to bill. Palm Beach is going out to contract on services.
- Lutheran Services is Alachua County's Managing Entity. Staff can visit its website and get schedule of meetings.
- Central Florida Cares Health System - Central Florida is still hiring for key services. Data Management Services will roll out April 1, or thereabouts with the contract going through 2014.

Legislative Issues – Medicaid Update - Session starts March 5th. Medicaid and reforming billing process is still the primary issue. Advanced Refund Requests (ARRs) going away April 30, 2013. FAC supports dissolution of current contributory relationship.

FL/AHCA wants out of fee based services. Moving from Fee for Service to Diagnostic Related Groups (DRGs). However, it appears to be too complicated for them to try to figure out how to charge counties based on DRG model.

Transfer to DRG is set to go into effect July 1. Transitioning to Statewide Medicaid Managed Care. FAC has Governor's support for Medicaid Expansion for 3 years while it's 100% Federally Funded.

Resource Utilization Group (RUG) is to nursing homes what DRGs are to hospitals.

By Laws Changes

Changes were adopted and will be updated on the FACHSA website.

Roundtable Updates and Changes

Sarasota County – Managed Care Entity going well. Has the potential to provide better services at a lower cost

Marion County – Medicaid is staff intensive. Interested in anything that can help them streamline service. Look for a HUD CBDG Administrator.

Brevard County – will be hearing from them about Medicaid

Polk County – Medicaid billing and Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Pinellas County – processed 300 homeless people in their housing assistance program. They have a 60 bed resource center. Families placed in hotels and motels. Use half way houses too. Building on Housing First Program model; 20 beds at a time.

Orlando – Medicaid and Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)

Pinellas – dept presented a Health Communities Initiative. Ids targeted areas with disproportionate health and economic issues. Targeted 5 areas.

Manatee - ditto Medicaid and ACA. Formed a health care alliance - working with chamber of commerce. Good health equals attractiveness to new businesses.

Volusia county – ditto Medicaid ACA. Started ACCESS Volusia where clients can access services. 35 agencies participate. Will be doing in city of Deltona. Moving from EZ Track (lack of support) to Client Track. Homeless Coalition awarded emergency solutions Grant for homeless prevention.

Alachua County – 2 new commissioners. The Department of Community Support Services reorganized. It lost a couple of programs (Partners for Productive Communities & Homeless Program). Established a Community Stabilization Program. High recidivism of clients. Hoping to break cycle of dependence and become more self sufficient. One person is delegated to do this. Meridian is having a Community Conversation about mental health needs in Alachua County.

The city and county are partnering to acquire a former Correctional Center to use as a homeless center for emergency services. The center will have community gardens and retail space. Staff will be going to Atlanta to tour a similar structure. Hope to be up and running by June 2013.

Osceola – homelessness is a big issue. For the past year it has been converting old hotels and motels into long term housing units and moving folk out of hotels via its Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). It has satellite health care facilities to provide services to these folk. The homelessness issue is causing issues with hotel and tourist industry. Trying to bring in more affordable housing to offset the problem. Received \$14,000,000 for first round of NSP grant.

Hernando – Medicaid and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Center of MH alliance – in 2nd phase of NSP project.

Lake County – last two years used reserves to balance budget. Reserves aren't available this year. Has Medicaid concerns and inmate medical costs (manages their costs themselves). It's considering privatizing inmate healthcare services. Purchased hotel to be used as mh/transition/permanent affordable housing. Renovating and designing.

St Lucie – fighting with ACHA on Retrospective Medicaid Bill. Settled at 5.3 million - down from 11 million. Got Veteran Transitional and Living Grant . Interested in Community Gardens – Bucket Garden ; Doing NSP 1 & 3. Has seen an increase in High School kids that are homeless - trying to figure out how to help them get through school and become self-sufficient.

Charlotte - excited about new location. 4 of 5 divisions moved into it. Increase efficiencies, partnerships, etc.

Citrus County - big tax base reduction; \$36 million to \$19 million. Property values are going down. Budgeting this year is a real challenge. 600 people laid off (high paying jobs). Has one new commissioner. Trying to sell one of two hospitals. Looking for a Director of Tourism.

St. Johns – 1 of 2 counties still litigating Medicaid backlog. Detox Center is a top priority in 2013.

Lee County – partnering with School District to identify eligible/needy families for housing. Shifted strategy to a Housing First Model.

Marketing Prescription Drug Discount Card Programs

(Tammy Harris & Dorenda – Brevard County) Started program in 2008 and saved over \$6 million. Population of 557,000 and over 65,000 people are participating.

44 million w/out prescriptions coverage in US. 18 million of these are over 65. Average savings of approximately 27%. Can save on special medication and pet coverage, too. One card forever. No HIPPA issues or concerns

FACHSA Survey Update

experienced highest responses from counties ever.

Strategic Planning and Membership Update

Announced a committee will be formed to move forward with the idea (strategic planning).

Another dues notice will go out to non member counties; with subsequent follow-up inviting non FACHSA members to join with a focus on the benefits of being member.

Future Meetings

Next NACHSA meeting is July 19 in Dallas Ft Worth. Scholarship available for HSAs interested in attending a symposium in California. 5 scholarships are available for Poverty Symposium.

Annual FACHSA will be June 26 or 27

Suggestions for Annual Meeting Agenda; Affordable Healthcare Act, Panel Discussion on Homeless Shelters, and Pain Clinic Ordinance Update.

Adjourned