

## **Contract & Financial Issues Committee, April 16, 2020, 1:00pm**

### **EDIT Update – Stacia Chick**

Stacia reported that CLS coding H0015 will be used for all CLS unlicensed settings. Per diem code will no longer be used. The State is looking for volunteers to create a technical workgroup. COVID-19 encounter code has been created to be used for those purposes. Many other updates were shared, but audio prevented minutes from being taken. Stacia will provide details to Monique to send to the group.

### **GF Negotiations – Lisa Morse**

Lisa wondered if anyone in the group had received Amendment 2 from the Department. She stated that she has emailed Kendra Binkley to see if the CMHs were still waiting for Amendment 2, and if it was going to be issued through eGrams. Lisa also asked if there were any identified issues for 2021, and if so, could they be shared with her. Lisa suggested a renewal with no changes moving forward. Lisa has not gotten a response from the Department. Lisa asked for guidance as to whether she should reach out again or not. Dan Russell suggested keeping this on her list and reaching out again in a couple of weeks. Monique will relabel this section

### **Legislative Update – Alan Bolter**

Alan stated that there has been very little Legislative activity recently. Most activity has been centered around COVID-19. He reported that the Stay Home Stay Safe order was extended to April 30, 2020, which will also be the date that the Legislature will be returning to session. This session may be some tense negotiations seen during this session regarding other extensions, how to reintegrate the workforce after the quarantine is lifted, etc. Alan and Bob recently participated in a call with the Safeplace workgroup which will be issuing recommendations next week to the Governor on how to slowly get folks back to work safely, as well as businesses being ready to provide safe workplaces for them to return to. The ramp-up back to a normal economy may take months. The State will be receiving almost \$5 Billion in federal stimulus dollars, but these are earmarked already for specific programs. The anticipated fiscal loss for the State continues to grow and is now estimated to be upwards of \$2.6 Billion for this year. The Legislature will be looking at everything across the board for how to deal with these losses. The Rainy-Day fund may be used, as well as dollars recognized from recent vetoes. The Legislature anticipate having a Revenue Estimating Conference in June when more data is available to look at the numbers correctly. Once the legislature is back in session, finalizing the Budget will likely be top priority. FMAP increased by 6.2%. This will help to offset some of the system's losses.

### **Funding Issues –**

#### **Year to Date Funding Advance Compared to Actuary Certification Values – Bruce Bridges**

Bruce reviewed the comparison of the Actual projection versus funding that has come in through the end of March. He stated that we are still getting money for the HAB Waiver for 2019. Bruce went on to say that FY20 had a little jump between February and March that did not come in. He stated that there is a meeting tomorrow to discuss this. HMP population will be discussed as well. He stated that the rates will change in April. Hopefully they will do something about the DAB population not coming up to what they anticipated.

Bruce then reviewed the HAB Waiver Document. He stated it is averaging \$1.6 Million less per month and he's not sure why. It may be that the living arrangements are different than what is expected by the actuary. Group held open discussion on how this drop in individuals could be happening. Leslie Thomas will send info to Bob on a survey that they conducted recently. She stated that an algorithm issue is supposed to be resolved already, but she is unsure. Bruce stated that once we have the new rate it will be applied. Bruce stated that they should get the plans for moving forward at tomorrow's meeting, but unsure about HMP. Bob stated that enrollment of kids in Medicaid due to many parents being unemployed now will likely increase tremendously. We could see changes in rates and requirements due to this.

Bruce then asked for feedback on anyone struggling with Encounter Quality Initiative (Miliman reporting that is now quarterly instead of yearly). He asked that folks email him those issues. Leslie Thomas stated that they will be reviewing templates for the CMHs in their region to provide input to Kathy Haines in the near future. She stated that the templates are not final yet. Donna Nieman stated that she is on the workgroup, and during today's meeting they were told that they were final. Bruce will continue to monitor this topic. Stacia Chick reported that Kathy Haines stated in today's meeting that she plans to put the templates on the website tomorrow as final. Bruce asked Lisa Morse if this was a contract issue. Lisa stated that she doesn't remember if this went through yet or not. She stated that it could be in Amendment 2. Bob Sheehan stated that if a reporting requirement is being implemented without being improved, this may not need to happen. Lisa stated that she will go through her notes since last Fall to see if this has been approved. Stacia stated that she also had no recollection of this being approved in Contract Negotiations. John Obermesik stated that the subgroup that was put together that included Rich Carpenter has not produced results/recommendations yet that he knew of. He agreed that this needs to be brought up

with the Department. Bob stated that he will help draft a letter with Lisa Morse to the Department to get dialogue open regarding the approval of this encounter reporting issue in Contract Negotiations. Lisa asked Stacia to email her what the changes in the EQI were exactly. Stacia reported that currently, Medicaid reporting is submitted to PIHPs and they aggregate the report to send to the Department, but for Non-Medicaid reporting, it is submitted from the CMHs straight to the Department. The EQI would combine Medicaid and Non-Medicaid reporting, which could become an issue of how to negotiate what details for either the CMH contracts or the PIHP contracts. John Obermesik searched the contract and Amendment 1 for the term "EQI" and the terms "encounter" and "quality". None was found.

Other – There was no other business.

The next meeting of the Contract & Financial Issues Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2020, 1:00pm, CMHA office, Lansing.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.