

Member Services Committee Meeting, November 18, 2021, 9:30am

Meeting came to order at 9:30am.

Agenda and previous minutes were approved.

Consideration of Creation of a Peer Support Award

Tabled to next meeting

Review of 2021 Fall Conference Evaluations

Chris Ward reviewed the Evaluations that were provided in the packet. She gave details on what attendees liked best and what they liked least. She gave details on how the virtual aspect of the conference went, and how well received the keynote speakers were. She expressed how difficult it was to secure keynote speakers and workshop presenters. Group asked how likely it was that the Winter Conference would still be held hybrid in February. She stated that there will definitely be a challenge for the in-person part, but we are tied into a contract so it will be a hybrid conference no matter what. Chris agreed that it could be iffy on numbers for the February conference, but with that contract in place there is no choice but to move forward. Group discussed lowering the number of virtual workshops that would be offered at the Winter Conference. Chris stated that there were more people signing up for virtual, so lowering the number of virtual options would not be a good idea. Joe Stone wondered about possibly moving the Winter conference to Traverse City as well. Chris will check contracts to see how long we are in Kalamazoo. Chris stated she anticipates the Winter Conference will unfold the same as the Fall Conference did (with about half of the normal attendance). She confirmed that there was no way to cancel the contract with the Radisson for the Winter Conference. Group wondered if there was a change in federal mandates, etc., would there then be a way to get out of the contract. Chris stated it would have to be a legal mandate that reduced the allowable number of attendees, such as what occurred in the original shutdown.

Other

Alan gave a brief update on SBs 597 & 598. He stated that there have been some changes to the proposal that would have 4 phases instead of 3. Those phases would be children's services, SED, SUD, then I/DD. Implementation would change to 2030. Language was added to allow the Department to terminate a phase if it was deemed unsuccessful. Chapter 2 of the MH Code would see the insertion of language allowing health plans to assume the role of CMHs, placing them in a provider role or capacity for the Health Plans (or single SIP/ASO). Local decision making would be stripped away from CMHs. There will likely be more changes to these bills while they are on the floor. These will probably not move out of the Senate this year. By the second week of December, we should know more about when and how these will move.

Parking Lot Items

Any topics that the group would like to add to future agendas can be placed here.

Consideration of Creation of a Peer Support Award will be added to January agenda.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Member Services Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 9:30am. This meeting will be held in-person AND via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.