

Continuity of Care Advisory Panel
Social Workgroup Minutes
September 24, 2013

Meeting held at the Office of Forensic Services (DHMH)
2:30 – 4:00 PM

I. Attendees

- a. Clarissa Netter (Co-Chair)
- b. Dr. Anita Smith – Everett (Co-Chair)
- c. Dan Martin (MHAMD)
- d. Herb Cromwell (CBH)
- e. Kait Roe (Fuse Health Services)
- f. Kate Farinholt (NAMI-Maryland)
- g. Laura Cain, Esq. (MDLC)
- h. Lynn Albizo
- i. Stacy Reid-Swain, Esq. (DHMH)
- j. Steven Gorozdos, LCSW-C (Adventist Behavioral Health) - by telephone
- k. Darrell Nearon, PhD, JD (DHMH)

Clarissa reviewed the minutes from the August 29th meeting. (The meeting scheduled for September 12th was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum of members).

Kait requested that the group to review her paper *Clinical Barriers form the Patient Perspective* and, be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

The Social Determinants of Health (SDH) handout was discussed. Clarissa provided background information on the authors and purpose of the document. The work group discussed the SDH and recommended that although SDH is helpful in the overall discussion on Continuity of Care (COC), the focus might be identifying barriers to care for severely mentally ill persons.

Workgroup members identified conceptual dimensions:

- Timelines
- Intensity
- Comprehensive service
- Stability
- Coordinated Service Provision
- Additional discussion involved five proxy measures:
 - Frequency of encounter
 - Quality/quantity of encounter
 - Variety of service
 - Location

- Receipt of case management services

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A workgroup member remarked that the five proxy measures “sounded like evidenced based practice”

The workgroup, after discussion agreed that barriers to COC and, suggested solutions would be the approach to address the groups charge in this process. The first barrier identified was **Housing**.

Barriers

- Section 8 – Drug Conviction/Felony
- Partnered – not married cannot share
- Waiting List
- Pets-exclusion
- History of conviction

It was identified that Section 8 “takes one-third of an individual’s income”.

The group then identified the following topics:

- Group Homes
- Assisted Living
- IMD - \$710 a month
- Supported Housing
 - Enough/Access
 - Geolocated
- Housing First (pilot)
- Shelter Plus Care one-half income. Services must come from that provider. There is also access restrictions-criminal
- Board of Care
- RRP- Herb provided a figure of 9,000 residents, and raised the issues of quantity and need.

The chairs identified that the meeting would need to conclude based on time. The group requested that Google docs be used as a method for group member s to share and review documents. DHMH staff will assist in this request. In addition the link to C.O.C, <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/bhd/SitePages?Home.aspx> was requested.

The next scheduled meeting for the Social Workgroup is **October 7th, 2013 10:30 – 12:30 at the Office of Forensic Services.**

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