

Regional Public-Private Behavioral Health Inaugural Meeting

April 17, 2013

1:30pm

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Pam Waite, The Center for Health Affairs. The purpose of the meeting was to share ideas of how the private and public sector can work collaboratively to better serve the Northeast Ohio community.

In attendance

Adams, Jim, Geauga ADAMHS Board	Kern, Kathleen, Lorain Mental Health Board
Boggs, Diana, Children's Hospital	Lakomiak, Christine, Lake ADASMHS
Brooks, Laura, Northcoast Behavioral Health	Lock, Lori, Univ/Case Medical Center
Brunner, Pam, Lake Health System	McGowan, Chris, Akron General Med Ctr
Colletti, Dave, Northcoast Behavioral Health	McKinnon, Jaimie, Akron General Med Ctr
Craig, Jerry, Summit ADAMHS Board	Momen, Mohammed, NBH
Denihan, Bill, Cuyahoga ADAMHS Board	Parke, Carole, Mercy Health System
Doud, Michael, Cuyahoga ADAMHS Board	Robinson, Christine, Lorain ADAS Board
Emerick, Mike, Northcoast Behavioral Health	Schramm, Teri, Mercy Medical Center
Fraser, Kim, Lake Board	Smith, Doug, Summit Board
Georgas, Elaine, Lorain ADAS Board	Tilow, Brian, Cleveland Clinic
Guster, Cherie, Akron General Med Ctr	Tolbert, Maggie, Cuyahoga ADAMHS Board
Henton, Allison, Parma Comm Hospital	Waite, Pam, The Center for Health Affairs
Horwath, Ewald, MetroHealth Medica Center	Walton, Miriam, Ashtabula Board
Johlin, Carol, St. Vincent Charity Hospital	Zumbar, Randy, Summa
Jones, Josie, Lake Health System	
Justice, Ann, Mercy Medical Center	

Open issues

1. Share initiatives and best practices across the region

The group shared examples of initiatives involving collaborations that better serve their communities. Examples included:

Cuyahoga County:

- The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County is collaborating St Vincent's, Metro, and ODMH to develop the 72 hour observation unit. The unit will lead to better assessment. In 72 hours, many crisis issues related to substance abuse can be identified, and patients can be linked with/to the most appropriate setting.
- A work group has been established to address high utilizers of services through the development of specialized treatment plans. Mental Health Services INC will be the holder of the plans, and the hope is that there will be an increase of communication across the hospital system pertaining to these patients and to enhance continuity of care.

Summit County:

- Board employs/pays for inpatient doctors at Summa and Akron General to assist with continuity between inpatient and outpatient services
- Board meets with Emergency Department doctors from general hospitals to review individuals that have stressed the system or have extraordinary needs
- Working with Summa to develop a pilot program at Summa to enhance the Suboxone treatment program
- There are 3 opiate pilot programs in the County – 1 at Summa, 1 at Edwin Shaw, and 1 in a community agency.

Lake County:

- Psychiatric Social Workers are located at Emergency Departments to assist with access and screening
- Compass line was created to help the community navigate the system. It is manned by a triage specialist.
- ADAMHS Board is working with Lake Geauga Recovery Center to implement community education about opiate use. The center provides information group about what life would be like if individuals did decide to stop using drugs. Program started about 4 weeks ago. Group receives about a dozen people a week, and 40% of group attendees have signed up for services

Lorain County:

- Pride Grant was awarded to the City of Lorain through SAMHSA. The grant allows for screening of individuals in non-traditional locations to assist with refer for additional services
- A Special Projects Team will be addressing high utilizers. The Team is working with Nord Center to assist with non-traditional interventions. Meeting occurs every month with hospitals to review high utilization user. Two care conferences have been held to develop community care treatment plan; plan has shown reduction for one particular case

Ashtabula County:

- Board is currently working to rebuild relationships at local hospital due to changes in administration
- Board collaborates with UH for providing life skills training. UH funds the training, which includes training for a Board Staff Member. Life skills are taught in the local school districts
- LOSS team – to assist with suicide prevention

Geauga County

- There is an inpatient unit at Geauga Hospital /UH. There has been an increase in psychiatric beds and child placement. Both numbers have doubled recently, largely due to trauma.
- Collaborating with US on construction project to increase capacity at crisis center. Construction will include apartments, which assist with transition.

2. Top Issues/Priorities/Projects document discussed and reviewed
3. Challenges or concerns that are shared across counties
 - a. High utilizers
 - b. Opiate crisis
 - c. Co-occurring disorders (mental illness and developmental disabilities)
4. What should be done moving forward
 - a. Group selected addressing high users that have co-occurring mental illness and developmental disabilities. Challenges occur with between different boards. There are difficulties with discharging patients with this diagnosis

5. Open Announcements

- a. Doug Smith – Mental Health and Criminal Justice Symposium will be held April 19th at the Sheraton in Cuyahoga Falls
- b. NBH ground breaking will occur in July. Meeting attendees are welcome to take a look at the mock patient bedroom
- c. Summit Board is partnering with NEOMED to assist individuals with creating health homes; it is a multidisciplinary team. If you have question, contact Dr. Doug Smith

Adjournment

Pam Waite, The Center for Health Affairs adjourned the meeting at 3:10pm.

Minutes submitted by: Sarah Feher

Minutes approved by: Pam Waite, MSN, RN-BC, MHSA