PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONERS or NP Tele-Supervision Sub-Committee

Discussion:

First conference call held on 9/29/2014 from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM. Call in number (916) 552-6503

Second conference call held on 12/16/14 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Call in number (916) 552-6503

Third conference call held on 2/26/15 from 1:30 to 2:00 PM. Call in number (916) 552-6503. (The notes include updates from this call.)

Forth call with Ann Collentine 4/28/15 (916) 553-6503 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. (Notes include updates from this call.)

Update from first call:

a. See previous notes for details on previous items. **12/26/15 call for details.**


c. Original question, Feasibility of a group of counties contracting with a Telepsychiatrist coordinated through a JPA or through a Managed Care Organization. **John Lawless checked with CalMHSA to their willingness to help.** He spoke with Ann Collentine from CalMHSA on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015. She indicated CalMHSA would be interested in helping us set up a program for hiring a Psychiatric Nurse, a Nurse Practitioner or a psychiatrist that would contract with the JPA and work for the counties. She asked that we identify what specifically what we need from them.

d. **Questions to ask CalMHSA about working together on the next call (and some comments :)**

i. **What does the process of different counties working to create an MOU or contract with CalMHSA look like?** (Amador wrote, “A contract would be easier. It would have to go through our General Services Administration & County Counsel, then the CAO’s office and finally to the Board or Sups for approval.”) 2/24/2015. Tuolumne agrees 2/26/15.

ii. Results of the call, Ann stated that this has been done with the Suicide Prevention hotline that has expanded to an after-hours crisis response call center. CalMHSA has developed contracts with each individual county to provide these services. We could do something similar with CalMHSA developing a contract with each county to have a share of the time of a psychiatrist or Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Gina stated that we could develop a contract similar to the one we use with the roving supervisors. Next steps include defining a scope of work, the responsibility of CalMHSA and the responsibility of participating counties. This will warrant more research.

iii. **What would each county need to do to participate?** (Amador wrote, “We would need to have an initial discussion with our internal Leadership Team then our HHS Director would need to discuss and receive preliminary approval from the CAO.”) 2/24/15
1. Ann stated that the cost would be 15% of the overall cost of the program. Gina stated that the Central Region Partnership might be able to pay this 15% cost with the approval of the counties. This will warrant more research.

iv. **Who would provide oversight of this individual or individuals?** (Amador wrote, “We have a part-time psychiatrist who has offered to provide supervision.”) 2/24/15) Madera also said they would provide supervision. 2/26/15
   1. Ann stated that they would not be able to assist us with supervision. That will fall to each county.

v. **What would it cost each county to participate in such a program?** (Amador wrote. “Unknown.”) 2/24/15 This seems to be a question all counties on the call had. 2/26/15 Gina from CIBHS stated that the Central Region could possibly help with admin costs. 2/26/15
   1. Based on the needs of each county the cost would be different for each county. This is where an individual contract with each county would be helpful.
   2. It was suggested that we create a sub-committee to discuss this to determine how much each interested county has in entering into such a contract.
   3. It was also suggested by Ann that a sub-committee could begin working on a job description (Scope of work) that would work for all interested counties.
   4. Ann is also checking into whether a county that is not a member can participate in the JPA for such a contract.

vi. **Continuity of Care.** 2/26/15
   1. It is believed that a program such as this would be successful if we are able to get it started but we would need to work on plans to keep it going (sustainability.)
   2. The hope is that once this is successful, counties that are not a part of the pilot will want to join in.

vii. **How could the JPA help us in hiring J1 or H1 doctors?** (See notes from 2/14/15.)
   1. Ann commented that she was not well versed in these two designations. John Lawless sent her some additional information on these two designations. She will look into this. More research is needed before we proceed.

   e. **Where would they (Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners) be recruited from?**
      i. See notes from 12/16/15; 2/26/15 for details.
      ii. Ann wondered what steps had been taken to address this. John Lawless scanned and emailed the documents from the various programs that recruit and train Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners.

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