Getting to Know FARS

CBHDA Financial Analysis and Review Subcommittee (FARS)

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**Mission:**
Assure the accessibility of quality, cost-effective, culturally competent behavioral health care for Californians by providing leadership, advocacy, and support to public behavioral health programs.

**Purpose:**
- To advocate for the public behavioral health system and its delivery of care to persons experiencing behavioral health issues in California.
- To promote the reduction of individual and community problems related to unaddressed behavioral health issues.
- To convene behavioral health professionals for the purpose of informing public policy and improving the delivery of behavioral health services.

Financial Analysis & Review Subcommittee

- Directs Mission, Values and Purpose of CBHDA
- Works on behalf of the Board
- Review Behavioral Health policy issues and make recommendations to the Board
- Advisory body on fiscal matters that directly concern county behavioral health programs
Financial Analysis & Review Subcommittee

Activities

- Review state notices and give feedback before they are released statewide
- Work with state agencies, including DHCS, on funding and distribution methodologies
- Meet with state agencies to discuss issues and help shape solutions prior to implementation statewide, and offer information or data as necessary on county fiscal operations
- Participate in state subcommittee work groups as needed

Off & Running

Current Projects & Priorities:

- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Revenue and Expenditure Report review
- MHSA Reversion
- CMS Final Rule
- Proposed elimination of UMDAP
- Cost report settlement timelines

Mental Health Services Act Annual Revenue and Expenditure report

- MHSA & other funds
- Interest reporting
- Adjustments

MHSA Reversion

- Calculation of reversion
- Appeals process
Mega Rule: Medicaid Managed Care Final Rule

Goals:
- Improve quality of care/delivery system reform;
- Strengthen beneficiary protections;
- Improve accountability and transparency;
- Align with other health coverage programs

Under the final rule, counties will experience significant expenditure increases

- Admin vs UR claiming
- What will be the claiming mechanism?
- How to capture cost?
- Source of match?
- Network adequacy
- Monitoring requirements
- Quality rating system

FARS Advisory Value
Proposed elimination of UMDAP

FARS Advisory Value
Timeliness of Cost Reporting and Cost Settlement

- Timeliness of reporting documents
- Time lines to turn in Cost Reports
- County submission of error free reports
- Cost Settlements
- Audits
- Impacts to County budget
FARS Subcommittee Membership

- 3 representatives from different counties located within the 5 geographic regions.
- Los Angeles is allowed 1 representative.
- Expanded membership needs with different specialties to meet goals.

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