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Behavioral Health Network Meeting Minutes

Date: October 10, 2023, at 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

Facilitator: Clinical Quality Management Staff

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PROVIDERS PRESENT

AHF: Nathalie Valdez, Brian Adderly, Hugo Rocchia, Alexandra Anzola, David Contos

BCOM: Roseline Labissiere, Staci Hines

Broward Health: Doris Kitchen

Broward House: Heather Ohms

Care Resource: Rocco Vega

Memorial Health: Absent

CQM & PCS SUPPORT STAFF: Danielle Liao, Maunika Patel, Gritell Martinez, Nelhil De Valle

PART A RECIPIENT STAFF: Richard Pena, Timothy Thompson, Brianne Miller

Guest: Elizabeth Steinberg

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.

II. Welcome/Introductions

CQM Support Staff welcomed all attendees, made a statement of the meeting's goal, and made individual introductions.

III. Quarter 2 Data Presentation: Behavioral Health Services

The CQM Support Staff reviewed the second quarter (Q2) data of the FY2023-2024 for the Behavioral Health Network. During the presentation, the staff focused on two service categories: Mental Health and Substance Use.

Mental Health

For the Mental Health service category, the CQM Support Staff provided an overview of the Mental Health HIV Care Continuum data between fiscal year 2022-2023 and quarter two of 2023-2024. The 440 clients using the Mental Health services during quarter two had a retention rate of 82.27%. Overall, there were no notable changes in the data. They reviewed the fiscal year 2023-2024 quarter two data for the three subpopulations: gender, race/ethnicity, and age. For gender, the retention in care remained in the 80th percentile for all three categories. The CQM Support staff emphasized the importance of keeping our transgender clients(N=9) in care and adhered to their medication.

Despite the Black (Non-Hispanic) (N=196) group making up the majority of our population, we still see that their retention in care remains the lowest compared to the other categories. The CQM Support staff emphasized the importance of addressing barriers to care such as transportation and structural factors.

The 18-28 age range still has the lowest retention rate at 77.50% for the age subpopulation. The CQM Support Staff stated that this age range is a subpopulation of concern due to their consistently low retention rates. However, the 18-28 age range has a viral suppression rate of 87.50%. The 39-48 age range had the lowest viral suppression rate of 82%

Substance Use

For the Substance Use service category, the CQM Support Staff provided an overview of the HIV Care Continuum data between fiscal year 2022-2023 and quarter 2 of 2023-2024. The 102 clients utilizing the Substance Use services during quarter two had a retention rate of 63.73%. While retention in care decreased between the reporting periods, viral suppression had a notable increase of 6%.

The CQM Support Staff reviewed the data for the three subpopulations: gender, race/ethnicity, and age. The male(N=66) subpopulations make up the majority of the clients under Substance Use. Although the retention in care remained the lowest for the female clients (56.67%), their prescribed ARV remains in the 90th percentile and viral suppression remains in the 80th percentile.

For race/ethnicity, there was no data reported for the Other group. The Hispanic/Latinx group had the lowest retention in care of 56.52%. The ARV remained in the high 90th percentile for all three groups. Viral suppression was the lowest for the Black Non-Hispanic group (85.45%).

For the age subpopulation, the age group 18-28 is still a population of concern when it comes to being retained in care. The CQM Support staff emphasized the importance of keeping these clients in care because continuing care for longer duration may produce more consistent positive outcomes for these individuals who use substances. Also, clients at higher risk for relapse may benefit to a greater degree from continuing care.

After the data presentation, there was a request made by a representative of AHF to break down those clients who utilize Substance Use and Mental Health separately and together.

IV. Announcements

There were no announcements.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 2:00 pm.

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