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Criminal and Juvenile Justice Initiatives Financial Workgroup

January 7, 2021
1:00 pm- 2:00 pm
Teleconference/Zoom

In Attendance

Tiffany Wolfgang, Linda Reidt Kilber, Belinda Nelson, Terry Dosch, Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen, Deanna Nolan, Stacy Bruels, Doug Dix, Laura Schaeffer, Steven Gordon, Akber Sakib, Thomas Stanage, Sarah Wellner, Amy Hartman, Laurie Mikkonen, Jennifer Humphrey

Not Present: Laura Ringling

Welcome and Introductions

- Doug Dix welcomed the group.
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Review and Finalize Minutes from the December 7th Meeting

- Linda Reidt Kilber moved to approve the minutes. Belinda Nelson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
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Review CBISA Services

- Doug Dix recapped the Year 2 Outpatient SUD model that is proposed to be used as the basis for CBISA services. The feedback from the workgroup included concern over a decrease in revenues and group size. Doug provided an overview of potential revenues based on the 2019 STARS units and converting to 15-minute-units. This method demonstrated a decrease in revenue, but in comparison to documented cost report expenses, the decrease in revenue covers the majority of agencies' costs. The only workgroup agency where revenues would be lower than costs would be CCS. DSS also utilized the October Survey data to compare expected revenues to costs, and this method reinforced costs would be covered for all workgroup providers but CCS. The workgroup discussed that DSS did this same comparison for all CBISA providers, and similar to workgroup members, the majority of agencies would experience a decrease in revenue while costs would still be covered compared to the cost report expenses.

- Doug also walked through calculations of the group size and potential revenues if individuals drop out of group to compare revenues and costs.
- The workgroup also discussed the anticipation of some payment for telehealth equipment, based on the expense information provided by LSS but would like feedback as to how this should be paid. Providers indicated no preference. DSS will develop a method for reimbursement.
- Terry Dosch reminded the group that the Governor's recommended budget includes rate increases as a result of work done by this workgroup. As the workgroup considered moving forward with approval, Laurie Mikkonen indicated that implementing this model wouldn't happen in isolation. Implementation would take a more holistic approach with modeled rates including consideration given for the prior years' rates and proposal to increase other rates based on the modeling and work done in this workgroup.
- A question was raised regarding a rural adjustment. It was indicated that if we move forward with this model, the rural rate expectations based on mileage, or with Division approval, will apply to CBSIA services.
- There was consensus to move forward with modeling CBISA to be in alignment with the Year 2 Outpatient SUD model. The survey and analysis support moving this direction. A few commitments were made include continuing conversations and be flexible with agencies who may be at a loss compared to expenses such as CCS and continue to review parameters regarding collateral contacts. DSS does not want to undercut providers in moving forward with this model and commit to revisiting if experience is different than analyzed.

Next Steps

- DSS will send out a doodle poll late January to early February to resume meetings in late March.

Public Comment

- Doug Dix asked for any public comment. Being none, the meeting was adjourned.