

**Southeastern Regional MH/DD/SAS
Provider Community Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2005**

Providers Present: 46

LME Staff Present: 11

Gary Allen, Contracts Manager called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm. He asked that all in attendance stand and introduce themselves. Gary announced that the new service code implementation date has been moved to October 1, 2005 and that current contracts would be extended through September 30, 2005 by way of a one-page addendum. The addendum will list the provider name, extension date (July 1 – September 30, 2005), and the services covered. The contract extension will only cover state funded services and Medicaid billable services that are billed through the LME. For direct enrolled services, you direct bill the state therefore they will not be listed on a contract. Medicaid billable services that require direct enrollment will not need to be contracted through the LME. Providers who have not received a referral or billed a service within the last six months will not be issued a contract extension, however they will remain on the provider listing on the LME's web page. Along with the new service definition implementation comes direct enrollment that is the endorsement process with the LME. This process is required by the state in order for services to be provided. The endorsement process can be access on the Division's website. Gary informed the providers that RFP #004 that was due on April 29, 2005 had not been awarded to anyone. The review team met on May 5, 2005 and reviewed four proposals. All four proposals were deemed incomplete. The LME has mailed out to all providers on May 25, 2005 information on a three-month study for contracted case management services. The study will include a limited number of providers who wish to participate. The application due date is June 15, 2005 by 5:00 p.m. A review team will review all applicants and selected participants will be notified on June 29, 2005. Gary announced that IPRS Target Population Training would be provided on July 19 and 20, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. given by the LME. Notification of the training will be mailed out to providers, however for those providers present today a sign up sheet is available to register for a time.

Pett Brands from the Accountability Section of the division of mental health spoke with the providers regarding competition and ethics. She gave the providers a general overview of how the state and feds all fit together in the ethics and accountability process. Ms. Brands said that it is the responsibility of the providers to keep abreast of all the rules, manuals, guidelines, administrative codes, laws, and all the Medicaid communiqué and to know them and to follow them. If you have a question of what something means, go to the LME first. If you and the LME cannot figure it out together, then providers are invited to call the Division, Jim Jarrod's office. There is staff available to interpret the law. Ms. Brands went over a memo from Phillip Hoffman, Resource & Regulatory Management Section Chief regarding Referral and Client

Recruitment Practices and also Illegal remunerations. She informed the providers that anything construed as a kick back or a bribe is against the law.

Kathy Baker from Planning and Collaboration spoke to the providers regarding the outcome of a meeting between SRMH/DD/SAS and Southeastern Regional Medical Center. She informed the providers that Southeastern Regional Medical Center is planning to open a new heart center. She said that research shows that people who undergo heart procedures encounter a greater rate of depression than the normal population. The goal is to work with the medical center to screen post-operative patients for depression. This means that we will be looking for providers who are interested in serving this population.

Laura Smith-Allen asked the providers who would be interested in forming a child collaborative task group. She spoke to the providers about the service definition for Community Support for children and adolescents. She informed the providers that Case Management and CBS would be provided under one service, Community Supports. Community Supports will include developing the person centered plan, education and training of caregivers and other people identified in the plan, skill acquisition and enhancement, one on one interventions with the consumer to develop interpersonal and community relational skills, including adaptation to home, school, work and other natural environments; therapeutic monitoring; and system monitoring and self-management of symptoms. It will also include case management to arrange, link or integrate multiple services as well as assessment and reassessment of the recipient about benefits, community resources, and services. She also told the providers that they will have to be the "first responder" on a 24/7/365 basis to consumers experiencing crisis. Laura reminded the providers that this service must be endorsed by the LME.

Laura mentioned that Bladen County Department of Social Services received a five-year grant to implement the system of care in Bladen County. Angela Mendel, who is the site coordinator, gave a brief overview of the program. Ms. Mendel said that there is a person in place at Bladen County Family Initiative in Clarkton. The phone number is 910-647-8743. Ms. Mendel said that on June 21, 2005 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am (Bladen County Library) there would be a private provider brunch informational meeting for anyone who provides services to children/families in Bladen County. She is trying to establish a provider collaborative in Bladen County.

Gary reminded the providers that there were sign up sheets for IPRS training, scheduled for July 19 and 20, 2005. He also reminded providers that there would be no meeting in July.

Gary thanked Rainbow 66 Storehouse for providing refreshments. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2005 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

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