

DBH Central Office Monthly Update for BHBs

August 2019

Youth Empowerment Services

- The DBH QA Unit is working with Medicaid and Optum to transition the Person-Centered Planning (PCP) process over to Optum's newly established Targeted Care Coordinators (TCCS).
- As of August 15th, DBH regional CMH staff will no longer be receiving referrals for new PCPs. As of Oct 1, updates for children and adolescents with Medicaid PCPs will also be conducted by the TCCs. Details related to children and families in Wraparound will be established and communicated.
- The Getting Started with YES page and handout are now available on the YES website. A short, easy to follow, six-step graphic for families and those who work with them is also now available.
<https://youthempowermentservices.idaho.gov/AboutYES/GettingStartedwithYES/tabid/4221/Default.aspx>
- A Wraparound for Providers Handout now available on the YES website:
<https://youthempowermentservices.idaho.gov/Portals/105/Documents/ProviderWraparoundAtAGlanceV1.pdf>.

Medicaid Expansion

- Regular updates being made to the [IDHW Medicaid Expansion website](#) including schedule and timeline for waiver submissions.
- The recently published July Behavioral Health Newsletter also contains an informational overview and update of Medicaid Expansion and can be found here:
<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Medical/SUD/BHNewsletterJuly2019.pdf>.

Idaho's Response to the Opioid Crisis (IROC)

- On July 22, 2019, the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) announced a funding opportunity for Idaho's five federally recognized tribes. Each tribe has the opportunity to apply for up to \$50,000 to address the opioid epidemic in their communities. Applications for funding will be accepted from August 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019. This funding opportunity is possible through the second budget year of the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant which was awarded to Idaho by SAMHSA in September 2018.
- DBH continues to make progress in multiple initiatives such as the warm-handoff program including, but not limited to:
 - Working with the Department of Correction and community reentry centers to develop a successful reentry program where incarcerated individuals have access to MAT and a case manager and/or peer support prior to release. This reentry support would continue post release beginning with immediate contact with a Recovery Coach to ensure previously incarcerated individuals have the support they need to be successful in their reintegration into their communities;
 - Working with MAT programs within Idaho's hospitals to develop and/or enhance services and supports provided to pregnant and post-partum women and;
 - Working with recovery coach trainers within Idaho to strategize and implement statewide recovery coach trainings.
- The Region 10 Opioid Summit is fast approaching. The summit will occur August 7 and 8, 2019, in Vancouver, Washington. The summit is an opportunity for professionals from Alaska, Idaho, Oregon,

Washington, Indian Nations, urban Indian health programs, and recognized American Indian organizations to meet and explore ways to address the opioid crisis. For more information please visit the Region 10 Opioid Summit website here: <http://region10opioidsummit.org/>

Mental Health Treatment for the Felony Probation and Parole Population

- Community Health Center Network of Idaho (CHCNI), Mental Wellness, and Sequel Alliance Family Services provide mental health services to Idaho's felony probation and parole population under funding that was approved during the 2017 Idaho Legislative session.
- The Department was notified on 7/16/2019 that Sequel Alliance Family Services will be closing all Idaho clinics on or by August 16, 2019. Sherry Johnson has been working with Sequel to provide a seamless transition for the clients being served under this funding. Currently, Sequel is serving approximately (54) clients with this funding. Sherry has also been working with Holly Bonwell on identifying another provider.
- The Medicaid Expansion Transition and Communication Plan for the Felony Probation & Parole Contract for MH Services is complete. It is located on DBH SharePoint 365.
- If you have questions, you may contact Sherry Johnson sherry.johnson@dhw.idaho.gov.

Behavioral Health Awareness Regional Empowerment Awards – Recovery Awareness Month

- September is Recovery Awareness Month, and the Division of Behavioral Health would like to commend the hard work being done throughout the state. As part of the Recovery Awareness activities across Idaho, DBH would like to recognize a member of your community who has been a champion in the fight against the opioid epidemic and stands out in their efforts to change how the story ends.
 - Please help us by selecting **one** person from your region who has been instrumental in making a positive difference through education, awareness, training, prevention, or provision of services.
 - Additional Recipient Criteria:
 - Must be a resident of Idaho
 - Must be a person actively involved in the fight against opioids
 - The nomination form must be returned to Mindy Oldenkamp (mindy.oldenkamp@dhw.idaho.gov) no later than August 15th.
 - If your August BHB meeting falls after 8/15, please submit no later than 3 business days after your August meeting.

