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AGENDA

Evaluation Quality Assurance Committee Meeting

Facilitator: Steve Hoke

Date: 9/09/21

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Virtual via
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Due to the COVID 19
Pandemic we will not
have face to face
meetings until further
notice.

Monica Adelphonse
Health Planner

1. Welcome/Introductions & Moment of Silence

Attendees: Emily Carmichael (HCSEF), Dawn Jones, Rashimah Birks, Renella Mitchell, Judith Backof, Gregory Bowman, Danyelle Sheffield, Eric Martinez, Steve Hoke, Jacqueline Clarke, Mary Sirmons, Cynthia Poitier, Natasha Ramlagan, Carly Pye

2. Review and approval of agenda

3. Review and approval meeting minutes

Steve Hoke approved the previous meeting minutes.

4. Updates

- A. Formulary Planning Meeting: The statewide formulary has not yet been approved yet by the State. Dawn will meet with the state next week.
- B. Quality Assurance Plan/Indicators: Danyelle shared that the Quality assurance plan and indicators will be reviewed at the same Tallahassee meeting next week. Once Danyelle has that report, she will share it with the Consortia.

C. Linkage to Care: Dawn did not have new updates. As soon as this is ready, Dawn will share this with the group. The last update was in July.

D. Other Updates

E. Cynthia: Cynthia shared that the HOPWA CARES Act funding was received for Area 15. There are several state and federal policies for this funding. HUD allotted several waivers to utilize services. Area 15 funding will utilize funds to purchase PPE equipment. Criteria will be developed for how it is given to consumers, but the goal will be to increase access

to needed PPE. Staff will likely be generally distributing this equipment among Ryan White clients.

The Area 15 HOPWA program office is located at the Health Department Office on Avenue C.

Eric inquired about using HOPWA CARES Act funding to purchase food vouchers for consumers who are part of the Consortia (as an incentive for participating in the Consortia). Cynthia shared that income documentation and further details would be needed to pursue this option; however, food vouchers are not being purchased at this time with the CARES Act funding. Eric has additional information from other areas who did this.

Eric inquired about the fee schedule. Cynthia confirmed that fee collection and tracking will be done in-house with her agency. Providers are not involved at this time (they might be in other areas, but not in Area 15). This allows her agency to ensure the burden of proof. There has not been any pushback from clients so far.

5. Open Discussion

Mary shared that St. Lucie Medical Center is conducting antibody treatments with Remdesivir shots. Community members can self-report to receive this service and do not need a medical referral. Monoclonal antibody treatments are also being done in the community for treatment.

Eric inquired with Dawn about incentives for the consumers who participate in the Consortia. Dawn will bring this to the attention of the Department of Health program and will follow up with Eric.

Next meeting: October 14, 2021