## **GACSB** Clinical Operations Committee

Teleconference Thursday, January 6, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

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## **Ceremonial Matters**

- Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order.
- Attendance: Reminder: Committee members must type their names and organizations into the Zoom chat to ensure all members are counted in the roll call. With members' schedules and emergencies this has proven an easier means of "taking attendance" than verbal role calls.
- Lori Holbrook moved to accept previous meeting minutes, Jennifer Hibbard seconded. Motion carried unanimously and meeting minutes approved.

## **Committee Business**

- COVID updates/Vaccine mandate -
  - Jessie Hambrick reported public health experts are seeing decrease in hospitalizations and deaths but variant is easily spread even among vaccinated people due to multiple mutations of virus. Looks like time between exposure and symptoms about 3 days and time to run its course is 5 days total which has caused some confusion with CDC recommendations and guidance. Omicron is a milder variant with shorter course. National shortage of tests – kits are expiring and limited availability.
  - GA CSB emailed information to CEOs re: testing kit options and PPE (KN-95, face shields, etc.) for donated items and/or bulk ordering.

- Jennifer Hibbard provided updated from Dept Public Health GNR– vaccinated (post 6 months from 2nd dose) are about 35% protected & vaccinated with booster dose are 79% protected
- CCBHC status report:
  - 1. Advantage Not in attendance
  - 2. New Horizons Denise Wade McLeod –due to holidays not many updates. Met with DBHDD and River Edge in late December 2021. There are still unanswered questions. Working on certification requirements and must attest to certification in March 2022. Feels encouraged about CSBs having a seat at the table to plan for CCBHC structure. DBHDD added new CCBHC Demonstration site policies to PolicyStat dated 12/29/2021 and were told effective date will be later, possible July 2022.
  - Pineland June DiPolito SAMHSA also short staffed. NOMS continues to be a challenge. Netsmart is working out remaining issues for NOMS. Manual entry to SPARs is still a requirement. Continuing to share information across CCBHC - CSB "trailblazers"
  - 4. Rivers Edge Miranda Nunez working on excel spreadsheet to show how they meet the CCBHC criteria and standards.
- Re-procurement of MCOs
  - Reviewed GA CSB Strategic Plan with focus areas. People may join voluntarily to participate and move planning forward.
  - Jennifer Hibbard CSB representatives met with DCH leadership has indicated that during 2nd Qtr will engage in stakeholder feedback about this process. CSBs will focus on how individuals and service delivery may be impacted. DCH leadership indicated moving from cost management to care coordination and outcomes. Strategic plan includes development of white paper response in case planning does not actively include CSBs in re-procurement process. Jennifer Hibbard shared draft of GA CSB Strategic Plan and discussed proposed interim payment methodology
- Workforce Pipeline everyone agreed impact is widespread and continuous and everyone is focusing on strategies
- 988 prep opened discussion for feedback from group about concerns, thoughts. GA CSB Assoc Strategic Plan includes focus on partnering within community to address gaps and develop response/plans.
- Opioid settlement
  - Updates were given last month no further new details received.
  - Dr. Johnson encouraged group to review handout on Opioids Epidemic that was sent to Clinical Ops group email with meeting minutes. Dr. Johnson proposed having workgroup review and develop recommendations that show estimated cost, ease of implementation, workforce needs, etc. It was felt this would help guide development of strategies that are scalable based on individual CSB and county needs.
  - The group was in agreement.
  - Gateway will provide a core group.
  - Anyone wanting to participate should e-mail Dr. Johnson directly: <u>mark.johnson@gatewaycsb.org</u>

- IDD Operations Update
  - Family Support changes of definitions awaiting updates during next IDD Advisory Council meeting
  - Workforce shortage is hitting IDD programs hard including house parents and aides. Continued advocacy for share of waivers and increased rates for Direct Support Professionals with support from GA CSB Association.
- Other Topics
  - June DiPolito– CMHC grant (9 CSBs awarded) asked about what others are doing with these funds and operationalizing grant. Denise Wade working with new GPO SAMHSA and entering data for SPARs and using funds to assist with workforce development and evidence based practices.
  - Stephen Martell new policy for CCBHC Standard 22 has anyone looked at NADD requirement for IDD programs. Other agencies are reviewing and trying to figure out steps in planning.
- Meeting adjourned: 2:55 p.m.
- Next meeting: Thursday, February 3, 2022 @ 2pm.
- Preparation for 2-3-2022 meeting:
  - CSBs who have the CCBHC planning grants will report out on progress.

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Recorder: Makini Corlette, LPC CPCS

Chairperson: Mark C Johnson, MD