

## BHRIC Subcommittee Report to the GACSB PIP Committee 9/10/24

### **Child & Adolescent Subcommittee**

- Met on 8/15/24
- MATCH committee clinical team staffed 38 since Aug. 2023
- Emergency Dept. Pilot starting with ViewPoint and CHOA
- Devereux opened transitional home for IDD males aged 18 – 21 short term, 7 individuals have been admitted

### **Hospital and Short-Term Care Subcommittee**

- Met 8/28/24
- Topic of “How is HB 1013 doing so far?”
- According to Roland Behm, Co-founder of the Georgia Mental Health Policy Partnership, Insurance companies aren’t following the definition of medically necessary outlined in HB 1013, they are developing their own criteria. CareSource is the only one following it
- NAMI putting together a flyer RE: parity and how to file a complaint
- PRTFs in 2021 received increase in reimbursement rates with an agreement that Medicaid rates would be based on Medicare rates, 30-day authorizations

### **Social Determinants of Health Workgroup**

- Met 8/16/24
- First Meeting, introductions of group members
- Unmet social needs will cause a downward spiral. We need to screen for these needs
- If trauma isn’t identified, it will persist and cause future problems
- People with Medicaid demonstrate increase in health outcomes because they don’t worry about payment for services

### **Aging Workgroup**

- Met 8/16/24
- Loneliness and social isolation are key risk factors for MH issues later in life
- 28.3% of older adults report they are unable to access counseling services
- 29% report symptoms of depression
- Atlanta Regional Commission- received a grant for BH Coaching across a `10 county region, providing wrap-around services focusing on housing communities
- Fuqua offered clinical support with goal to eliminate eviction
- 99% of residents maintained housing

### **Workforce Subcommittee**

- Met 7/30/24
- Discussion surrounding reciprocity and licensure for clinicians
- TN developed new procedures for foreign- trained professionals

- 90 of 159 Georgia counties don't have a psychiatrist
- 1 of 10 Georgians are immigrants
- Only 21 Parity complaints filed (located on GDAC Website), 21 complaints and 2 were valid & resolved
- Roland Behm – GA Mental Health Policy Partnership
  - More demand than supply of workforce
  - Many providers listed as “in network” are not actively participating/ providing care
  - Very low reimbursement rates have a negative impact

### **IMD Waiver Workgroup**

- Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) gave a presentation.
- In Georgia, an IMD is greater than 16 beds. PRTF's are exempt from IMD exclusions. There are no federal matching funds for an IMD.
- With the 1115 waiver demonstrations the ALOS must be less than 30 days and there must be access to a full continuum of care with recognized ASAM levels for SUD. 1115 waivers for MH make limited use of this authority and must improve transitions from this level of care. Again, they must have an ALOS of less than 30 days and most of these waivers (there are 12 that have been approved by states and 10 that are currently pending) include broader access to care.
- Waivers are required to have a budget neutral impact.
- Managed care can use federal matching funds for capitation payments for IMD's for SA and MH – this is done through “in lieu of services” authority.
- It is necessary to avoid hospitalization, which helps save dollars and meet the budget neutral requirement. To use the State Plan option, there is a maintenance of effort that must be considered.
- Workgroup is looking at what is happening in other states.