

LCPD Meeting 10/3/13

Attendees: Sign in sheet available upon request

Joyce Dolcourt called for introductions from those in attendance.

Announcements

- Brain Injury Alliance of Utah: Family and Professionals Conference Thursday, October 24th Sheraton Hotel, Salt Lake City www.biau.org
- Save the date: LCPD reception with Legislators Thursday, February 6, 2014, Capitol Rotunda 4:00-5:45 pm
- Ann Williamson named new Director of Department of Human Services, effective November 1, 2013

Medicaid – Legislative Priorities and Building Blocks, Michael Hales

Michael Hales briefly discussed the building block requests submitted by DOH for Medicaid. He was unable to give specific dollar amounts at this time.

1. Restoration of dental for elderly and people with disabilities
 - a. Focus awareness on elderly and people with disabilities population (in past discussion formed around adult dental) – The target population lacks options for coverage elsewhere.
2. Additional funding, Mandatory needs – Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation, number of individuals from CHIP to Medicaid we will see an increase.
 - a. Received a ½ fiscal year (6 months) appropriation last year and will ask for additional ½ fiscal year funding.
3. Caseload and Utilization
 - a. Requesting additional slots on transition program, 16 individuals increase in services versus going into ICF/ID
4. Requesting balance of funding for Medicaid claims processing have received \$6 million need additional \$9.5 million. This is the state's share of the system development.

At the end of the 2013 fiscal year, June 30, 2013, the Medicaid program had a \$30 million surplus. This resulted from a growth rate of less than 3% when the projected rate was 6%. The 2015 Fiscal year request is a flat base request forecasting regular growth and not additional growth.

In addition to building blocks the following legislative priorities are being discussed and carefully watched.

1. Medicaid expansion option decision, Medicaid will follow Governor Herbert's lead as they work with legislators.
2. Senator Weiler – Qualifying for Long term Medicaid bill from interim committee meeting last month. The bill did receive support from the interim committee. The bill would provide incentive for individual who purchase a long term benefit. There has been research done in other states with similar legislation, with a 10-30 year potential savings accrued. Increase in dialogue, people talking about long term planning costs and providers versus defaulting to Medicaid. A short discussion ensued based on individuals' experiences with long term care. The Department has not taken a position.

Michael answered questions from those in attendance and stated if anyone has future questions, please route through Joyce Dolcourt.

DSPD – Division of Services for People with Disabilities – Building Blocks, Paul Smith

Paul Smith briefly discussed the building block requests submitted by DSPD. He was unable to give specific dollar amounts at this time, he did highlight the drivers and goals associated with requests.

Drivers:

1. Utah Population growth and number of individuals currently on the waiting list for services. Large population of children in Utah and studies both local and CDC show a high autism prevalence. Looking at more than just dual diagnoses – now poly-diagnosis (more than two identified diagnosis) showing complex support strategies needed. Also a rise in population will equate to a rise in needs. AARP study on abilities for families to provide support referenced. Utah is a “perfect storm” DSPD serves a small percentage of individuals with disabilities. The study showed care giver ratios of 7.2-7.4 for each individual in 1990-2010, forecasted to 4.1 to each individual in 2030 and 2.9 to each individual in 2050. Caregiver supports are primarily family members which is a huge driver.
2. Slow economic growth
3. Cost of providing services – the current rate structure is from several years ago and we have not seen an increase in rate reimbursements. This translate to access to services, simply not enough funding.

Goals:

1. Provide a higher level of service/care for individuals as they age and their needs become more complex. This is a request we make every year, additional funding for aging and complex needs. Currently a gap between goals, providing community integrated and least restrictive environment. How best to serve as many people as possible.
2. Waiting list – priority and building to capacity
3. DFCS – children receiving services through DCFS that age out and are on the Home and Community waiver
4. Provider rates – asking for an increase – discussion about providers versus self administered services, last year we discussed every rate. Use service rate language instead of provider rates.

Autism Pilot update and discussion, Paul Smith

Department of Health will release a full report on the pilot program in November 2013. Rep. Menlove's bill created three ways to serve children with autism, 1-Autism treatment account, 2-PEHP pilot, and 3-Medicaid waiver. Paul currently only has information on the number of children served through the waiver, not enough information to produce true evidence based report. The numbers are quite low in the trust account as well, just over thirty children and the costs are quite high. We do know that early intervention works. There will be an interim report provided.

DSPD Legislation – Paul Smith

DSPD is not running any division sponsored legislation. They are working with the Governor's office and Legislators to provide transition between the Tech Waiver and the Community Supports Waiver.

DSAMH - Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health – Legislative Priorities and Building Blocks, Brent Kelsey Assistant Director

The following legislative priorities are being discussed and carefully watched.

1. Healthcare reform – the delivery of services both Medicaid and Private Insurance. Substance abuse treatment is primarily funded by state and local dollars, for those below the 138% of poverty. Private Insurance reform – structure of essential health benefit and has to be on par with healthcare coverage, parity. The state and county partnership will be more of an issue this year with the implementation of healthcare reform and the behavioral healthcare carve out.
2. Rep. Draxler running a bill on beer tax referenced a Salt Lake Tribune article, set dollar amount 1980 was the last increase. Bill looks to connect the beer tax to the Consumer Price Index.

Current fiscal situation with behavioral treatment through Medicaid under healthcare reform, looking at two federal grants:

1. Prevention grant – \$1.5 million a year for underage drinking and prescription drug abuse prevention.
2. Federal drug court expanding eight drug courts throughout the state.

Brent Kelsey briefly discussed the building block requests submitted by DSAMH. He was unable to give specific dollar amounts or prioritization at this time.

- Early Intervention Mental Health (EIMH) – provides Family Resource Facilitators (FRF), School Based services and mobile crisis teams. Additional funds requested to maintain current programs.
- State hospital – cost settlement with Medicaid, every year experiencing a shortfall including this fiscal year and going forward.
- County indentified funding - \$6.5 million match for Medicaid mental health services. Current and past structure has prevented funding coming to mental health versus physical health. Also impacted by substance use disorder treatment cuts since 2009. Currently serving approximately 17,000 a year, without medications which are now available. Also participates in one of the 56 DORA (drug) courts in Utah show recovery 3 times as long as those outside the program.

Also highlighted suicide issue in both Utah and nationally, Prevention Program Manager is looking for resources statewide.

Officer Elections – Jan Ferre

Current Slate of Officers (originally distributed in May)

Chair – Joyce Dolcourt

1st Vice Chair – Kris Fawson

2nd Vice Chair – Jodi Hansen

Secretary – Brooke Wilson

Nominations from the floor:

Colin Coker nominated by Mandy Shale for 1st Vice Chair, Colin Coker declined at this time.

Kristen Chapman nominated by Mandy Shale for 1st Vice Chair, Kristen Chapman would like to participate but not at that level at this time, declines. Mandy Shale withdrew nomination.

Discussion ensued about the purpose behind nominations from the floor. Would like to see others in the officer positions, teaching provided by those who have been in place for a long time, handing down their fine tuned skills, maybe a Chair in training officer? Creating additional officers would require a change to the bylaws. Under current bylaws Ad Hoc committees can be formed.

Each nominee left the room for the voting which was conducted by Jan Ferre. Each of the above individuals listed on the slate of officers was elected to stated office for two year terms.

Jan Ferre briefly explained her position and term with the Children's Justice Center, which is expiring and asked Lori Cerar if she would be interested in serving in this position. Lori Cerar was introduced as the Mental Health Committee Chair.

Louis Fazio made a motion to create an Ad Hoc Committee, charged with training of leadership in the Legislative processes. Discussion ensued about future leadership; others want to become more involved, more than attending meetings of LCPD members. Kent McGregor (on the phone) – appreciates what has been said but have served in other roles and understand a need for training but hopes that this motion doesn't exclude those who have training and experience.

Kristen Chapman made motion to table issue and add to next meeting agenda, creation of committee and group training discussion item. Seconded by Kent McGregor and unanimously approved.

Janet Wade – It is showing up and I can rely on legislators listening to these ladies. It is time, the more we can show up, the more we can learn. We need to start with strong committees.

LCPD is looking for ideas to get younger people involved and for others to chair committees as well.

Meeting adjourned.

Reminder: Next LCPD meeting, November 7, 2013.