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Budget Authority Workgroup Agenda



1. Welcome Past PAS Teams

Angela Martin, Marie Eagle, Melissa Frash, Heather Quaak, Kelly Burnett, Aimee Williams, Steve Johnson, Erin Gonzalez, Sheryl Strumbaugh, Courtney Trunk, Rosalie Austin, Julie Dickerson, Jennifer Fitch, Stephanie Laird, Cristina Mosella, Sue Stone, Sheryl Kuenzer, Marie Eagle, Michelle Wojtas, Laura Demeuse, Danielle Gorney, Melissa Callison, Christine Carlson, Anahita Lord. Tedra Jackson, Jan Lampman, Jill Gerrie

2. Update from PAS

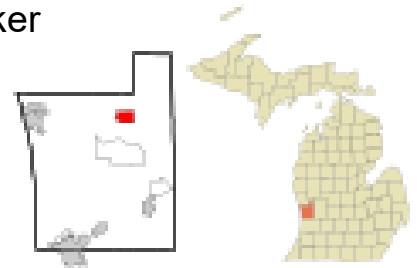
- We talked about the pre-Covid and post-Covid sessions. Before Covid we met for 5-5½ hours in-person with a meal six times, after Covid we now meet 2-2½ hours on Zoom around eight times.
- Budgeting was identified as a challenge in almost every group. So, we found people willing to participate on the Budget Authority Workgroup. Participants include those directing their services, Financial Management Services (FMS, formerly known as Fiscal Intermediaries) staff, family members, former CMH staff, BPHASA's Self-Determination Analyst, advocacy organization staff, Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council staff, and Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute staff.
 - We researched other states and countries, sent out two surveys, and developed some recommendations to be given by the DD Council to the state.



3. PAS Process: What Worked and What Didn't

- **Ottawa County CMH**

- Parents are still meeting and making changes with CMH. They have a good working relationship.
- The group's been working on a Support Broker definition and have been meeting monthly since March 2023!
- There has been an improvement in communication between parents and CMH, and shift in attitude – to cooperation and trust.
- Education was important.
- The group created a self-directed services how-to book.



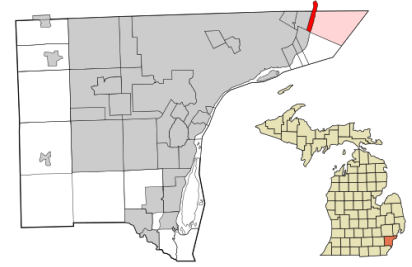
- **LifeWays (Jackson, Lenawee, Hillsdale Counties)**

- A Self-Determination (S-D) Advisory Committee was started two years ago.
- The group spent time getting self-directed services information out to community and got additional training into Relias for Case Managers.
- An online time sheet was created (it's EVV now, don't we know 😊).
- S-D Advisory Committee disbanded, Melissa, the chair was appointed to Quality Improvement Team.
- From a utilization and management perspective, LifeWays has had lots of new people begin using self-directed services!
- LifeWays is also a huge proponent of independent facilitation!



- **Macomb County CMH**

- Danielle is new and didn't go through the PAS process.
- Training now available on-line!
- Working with staff to make sure they're informed so they can help folks using S-D.
- Working with design team! Looking forward to growing and enhancing.
- Lisa Lepine said she hasn't been as involved, but the communication and partnership with CMH over the last 3-4 years is SO much better!!



- **AuSable Valley CMH (Iosco, Ogemaw, and Oscoda Counties)**

- They built relationship with Fiscal Intermediaries (Financial Management Services) They meet quarterly.
- Improved understanding by Case Managers/Support Coordinators of self-directed services.
- Over time adjusted their road map.
- Greater understanding of Budgets! Gave control of individual budgets back to those using self-directed services!! They went from CMH control to individual control!
- The budget process is a collaboration between the Financial Management Services/Fiscal Intermediary and the person.
- At AuSable Valley CMH they let people know the services array!!



- **Oakland County Health Network**

- Erin's was also new!
- CMH service providers were contracting with Financial Management Services/Fiscal Intermediaries, but OCHN will be starting to do it so they will have more equitable rates.
- Time has been spent educating folks about self-directed services and self-determination.
- Updated flow charts, training, roles, and the hope is to educate the community more and those with mental health disabilities.
- Looking at Support Brokers.
- Anahita commented she likes that there's a focus on people with mental health disabilities. At MRS they have had conversations around self-determination & informed decision-making.



Other Comments

- Outreach PowerPoint presentation – Jill will resend to everyone (as soon as she finds it)
- Laura suggested trying self-directed services when supporting people with the most challenges.

4. What needs to happen to improve self-directed services in Michigan

- Support Brokers – PAS got people together to gather information. There's more work to do! A document with suggestions for improvement will be sent to MDHHS.
- We need more people with lived experience commenting on changes to Medicaid Waiver services. It is an opportunity to influence policies. The timing can make it hard to do.



- What about a CLS person working as a broker? Is it a conflict of interest? It depends, naturally.
- Let Jill know if you're interested in joining the Budget Authority Workgroup jill.gerrie@arcmi.org

Budget Authority Workgroup Future Meeting Dates

- 10/09/24
- 11/13/24
- 12/11/24

