

# Boardworks 2.0: Systems MACMHB Spring Conference 2014

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# Introduction and Overview

- \* Focus on the systems managing public mental health policy in Michigan
  - \* Management Functions
  - \* Structural Foundations
  - \* Organizational Infrastructure
  - \* Policy Management and Service Provision
  - \* Community Health

# Public Policy Management

- \* Legislative Action
  - \* Community Mental Health Centers Act of 1963
    - \* Services to be provided in the community
    - \* Supports Inpatient Care, Emergency Care, Partial Hospitalization, Outpatient Care and Education/Consultation
    - \* Mandated to establish a Continuum of Care through linkage with other community services

# Public Policy Management

- \* Legislative Action

- \* Medicare and Medicaid Act of 1965

- \* Enacted Medicare Hospital and Outpatient programs for elderly and disabled
    - \* Enacted Medicaid program as an entitlement supported by open-ended federal matching funds
    - \* Linked Medicaid coverage to the aged poor, blind, disabled and families with dependent children

# Public Policy Management

- \* Legislative Action
  - \* Michigan Mental Health Code, Public Act 258 of 1974
    - \* Establishes the state mental health authority and county based systems of care
    - \* Defines priority populations for public services
    - \* Provides state regulations and recipient protections for the provision of care to persons with a mental illness and/or developmental disabilities

# Public Policy Management

- \* Role of the Federal Government
  - \* Establishment of quality and regulatory standards via *Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration*
  - \* Provides financing for health care
  - \* Operates largest health care system in nation in the *Veteran's Administration*

# Public Policy Management

## \* Health Care Reform

- \* Established an individual mandate for health insurance
- \* Provides tax incentives / credits for purchasing health insurance
- \* Established exchange mechanisms to encourage competition
- \* Established requirements for all public and private health care plans

# Public Policy Management

- \* Role of the State Government
  - \* Ensures a safety net for vulnerable citizens
  - \* Finances health care via general purpose funds
  - \* Administers the state Medicaid plan
  - \* Monitors compliance with federal and state requirements

# Public Policy Management

- \* Role of County Government
  - \* Oversees Community Mental Health and Coordinating Agencies
    - \* Creation/Dissolution
    - \* Board member appointment/removal
  - \* Finances health care

# Public Policy Management

- \* Role of Community Mental Health Services Boards
  - \* Provides a comprehensive array of mental health services
  - \* Includes 24/7 crisis stabilization and response
  - \* Assessment, diagnosis and plan development
  - \* Therapeutic clinical interactions, adaptive skill training, rehabilitative and vocational services

# Public Policy Management

- \* Role of Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies
  - \* Manages an array of substance use disorder services
  - \* Includes prevention, counseling, detoxification, methadone and residential services
  - \* Funding provided through federal block grant and state liquor taxes

# Public Policy Management

- \* Evolution of Community Based Care
  - \* 41 State operated hospitals / centers had 29,000 residents in 1965
  - \* Expansion of civil rights activities
  - \* Establishment of community psychiatry
  - \* Development of psychiatric medications
  - \* Outcome: 5 State operated hospitals / centers with less than 800 residents by 2013

# Public Policy Management

- \* Legislative Action
  - \* Public Acts 500 and 501 of 2012
    - \* Requires integration of coordinating agency designations with community mental health entities
    - \* Revises community mental health entity requirements to include substance abuse representation
    - \* Establishes oversight advisory board appointed by county commissions represented in the geographic service area

# Structural Foundations

- \* Public Governance and Management
  - \* Board of Directors
  - \* Accountable to county government
  - \* Establishes By-Laws and policies for the organization
  - \* Provides oversight of Executive Officer

# Structural Foundations

- \* Mission Based System of Care
  - \* Guaranteed Rights for recipients
  - \* Suitable treatment
  - \* Person-centered plan
  - \* Consumer choice
  - \* Protections from abuse and neglect
  - \* Least restrictive treatment
  - \* Second Opinion

# Structural Foundations

- \* Quality Management
  - \* Performance Measurement and Improvement
    - \* Establishes performance measures specific to most significant health care operations (i.e. procedures impacting the largest number of consumers, procedures involving the most restrictive services or highest risk)
    - \* Adoption of Evidenced-based Practices

# Structural Foundations

- \* Information Management
  - \* Evolution and Application to Health Care
    - \* Traditional health care information has been hand written, paper-based documentation (i.e. hospital medical record)
    - \* The recording of health information has converted from paper documentation to electronic systems and has increased the capacity for storage and retrieval

# Structural Foundations

- \* Information Management
  - \* Application to Health Care
    - \* Provides for ease of access and more accurate health information
    - \* Produces aggregate data for performance improvement and comparability to national, state and industry standards
    - \* Supports Interactive and Interoperable service delivery processes
    - \* Improves the health and safety of consumers through more complete decision-making

# Structural Foundations

- \* Corporate Compliance
  - \* Establishes processes to detect and prevent health care fraud
  - \* Ensures that staff and providers are eligible to participate in federal programs
  - \* Assures compliance with related regulatory requirements including False Claims Act and Medicaid Integrity programs

# Structural Foundations

- \* Risk Management
  - \* Environment of Care
    - \* Ensures that the physical environment is free of hazards to consumers, staff or visitors
  - \* Infection Control
    - \* Reduces the possibility of endemic or epidemic infections to consumers, staff or visitors
    - \* Ensures compliance with occupational health and safety standards

# Organizational Infrastructure

- \* Executive Leadership
  - \* Assists the board in the development of the service mission, vision and values
  - \* Develops a strategic plan to guide operations
  - \* Administers services in accordance with
    - \* Annual program plan and budget
    - \* Policy guidelines established by the Board
    - \* Applicable governmental and regulatory procedures

# Organizational Infrastructure

- \* Finance

- \* Responsible for budget planning, accounting, forecasting and reporting
- \* Implements the most cost-effective measures to accomplish organizational mission
- \* Performs procurement and purchasing decisions
- \* Assures compliance with legal and general accounting standards

# Organizational Infrastructure

- \* Access & Eligibility
  - \* Ensures 24/7 emergency response and service availability
  - \* Establishes clinical eligibility criteria
- \* Customer Services
  - \* Provides referral to other agencies and information regarding benefits, confidentiality, authorization processes and advance directives
  - \* Implements a formal grievance and appeal process for consumers and families receiving services

# Organizational Infrastructure

- \* Recipient Rights
  - \* Ensures Medicaid enrollee rights are protected
  - \* Establishes Office of Recipient Rights (ORR) to implement protections in the MI Mental Health Code
  - \* ORR includes dignity & respect, suitability of treatment and protection from abuse and/or neglect
  - \* Provides education and consultation services to all service operations

# Organizational Infrastructure

- \* Provider Network
  - \* Maintains a provider network sufficient to meet requirements of service populations
  - \* Ensures proper balance between expense and quality in purchasing and/or delivery of services
  - \* Negotiates contract requirements and compensation
  - \* Implements quality management and oversight activities in the external service delivery system

# Organizational Infrastructure

- \* Community Relations and Collaboration
  - \* Recognizes traditional social service role of public agencies and benefits to the community
  - \* Examples include outreach & prevention, 211 participation, human service collaborative councils, emergency planning/disaster preparedness and connections with schools, local government, law enforcement and the judicial system

# Organizational Infrastructure

- \* Human Resources
  - \* Determines the qualifications, credentials and competencies necessary for service mission
  - \* Provides for the orientation, training and education of staff
  - \* Ensures that personnel activities are conducted within applicable federal and state regulations

# Management and Service Provision

- \* Regulatory and Market Influences
  - \* Increased cost of health care
  - \* Expanded federal and state roles in health care financing
  - \* Consumer choice
  - \* Expanding private managed care models for public health care services (i.e. Medicare Advantage Plans; prescription drug program)
  - \* Changes in clinical practices

# Management and Service Provision

- \* Regional Consolidation
  - \* Reduction from 18 to 10 Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans
  - \* Alignment with Integrated Medicare/Medicaid Health Plans and medical trading areas
  - \* Ensures 7 new PIHP regions will have equal governance and ownership by all CMHSP members

# Health Care Reform: Impact on Community Mental Health Services

- \* Increased demand from most all consumers and all payers
  - \* Especially for acute care issues, i.e. depression, anxiety and substance use disorders
- \* Complexity in public market
  - \* Health Exchanges, New Accountable Care Organizations, Special Needs Plans
- \* Increased competition
  - \* Funding and policies promoting primary medicine based care coordination

# Unified Community Health

- \* Relationship with other agencies
  - \* Coordinating Agencies
  - \* Department of Public health
  - \* School health programs
  - \* Community Health Centers
  - \* Federal Qualified Health Centers
  - \* Department of Human Services
  - \* Services to the Aging

# Unified Community Health

- \* Increased Coordination and Integration of Health Care
  - \* Health Insurance/Medicaid health plans
  - \* Community Hospitals
  - \* Long Term Care providers
  - \* Ambulatory Service providers
    - \* Primary care physicians
    - \* Specialists
    - \* Pharmacies
    - \* Lab/Ancillary services

# What the Literature Says

- \* The use of integrated primary and behavioral health care arrangements has resulted in the following:
  - \* 7% savings across the board in medical costs  
(Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative. “Patient Centered Medical Home: Building Evidence and Momentum. A Compilation of PCMH pilot and demonstration projects,” 2008)
  - \* 10% savings in health care costs  
(National Council for Community Behavioral Health Care. “Behavioral Health/Primary Care Integration and the Person-Centered Healthcare Home,” April 2009)

# What the Literature Says

- \* 12% reduction in high cost, high-risk patients  
(Thomas, M., “Colorado Access.” Presentation at Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Depression in Primary Care Annual Meeting, February 2006)
- \* 20-30% reduction in medical costs  
(Cummings, N., O’Donohue, W., Cummings, J. “The Financial Dimension of Integrated Behavioral/Primary Care.” Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings, Springer Science and Business Media, LLC, January 2009)
- \* 26% reduction in medical costs  
(Weisner, C. “Cost Studies at Northern California Kaiser Permanente.” A Presentation to County Alcohol & Drug Program Administrators Association of California, January 28, 2010)

# Integrated Care

- \* Reduction in per capita health care costs for targeted Medicaid population
- \* Probable reduction in hospital bad debt and charity care
- \* Improved population health
- \* Less reliance on long term care facilities
- \* Reduced health care disparities among like populations

# Integrated Care

- \* Increased oversight and supervision by primary care physician
- \* Enhanced screening and tracking of health care outcomes
- \* Embedded nurse practitioner/physician located in behavioral health care setting

# Unified Community Health

- \* Future Directions
  - \* Private Welfare vs. Community Health Model
  - \* Consumer directed purchasing
  - \* Value based purchasing
    - \* Patient experience
    - \* Improved health outcomes
    - \* Increased cost effectiveness