

Community Medical Supports Group 02/25/14

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The current status of the Community Medical Supports Group areas of interest are listed below.

1. Develop and encourage home based medical services –

Area Leader - Mary Smith - continues to work in this area. New proposals are pending. Mary and Stanley are working together on Areas 1 and 2.

2. Education of medical providers and consumers on medication compliance issues.

Area Leader - Stanley Devine

Medication adherence is a very important issue with major negative effects on our healthcare system. Current efforts to recruit healthcare providers for a medication adherence pilot program have not been fruitful. Mary , Stanley and Craig met with Kristi Henderson, director of UMMC's Telehealth program, to discuss collaboration efforts utilizing new technology to monitor adherence in the home. With Telehealth's ability to connect the patient with their provider and pharmacists' ability to connect the patient with their medications, a better network of communications between the patient and all their providers can be accomplished, thus providing better comprehensive care that improves health and reduces cost.

3. Development of a consultative clinic to address the needs of the target populations.-

CMS has approved this project. MOU was approved. Project name - DETECT – Developmental Evaluation, Training and Educational Consultative Team of Mississippi. Primary focus is to provide educational opportunities, training for residents and students and clinical support to community medical providers to enhance and develop competency in caring for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Mississippi. Presentation of details and progress to be done at today's meeting.



4. Development of the CAY center collaboration between UMMC and MS Children's Home Services for a children's behavioral health care partnership in MS.

The Children's Collaborative is almost ready to start. We are awaiting final approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between UMMC (CAY Center) and the Division of Medicaid for the funds to be available. In the meantime, much of the groundwork has been done to ensure a rapid start of the Collaborative. For instance, we are interviewing for new positions, we have an MOU in place between UMMC and Mississippi Children's Home Services, we are planning a press announcement from the Governor regarding the Collaborative, and we are getting the right personnel in place. In short, the machinery is in place for us to hot the "on" button, once the MOU with Medicaid is finalized. We are excited about the opportunity to redefine the developmental and behavioral healthcare for kids in Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted,

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