

## **Contract & Financial Issues Committee, January 20, 2022, 1:00pm**

### Updates

#### EDIT Update – Donna Nieman

Donna reviewed the notes sent to the group prior to the CFI meeting. She gave details on EQI. Template will be worked on at February meeting. She reported that Miliman will be pulling and using the February extract for encounters. There is a COB training this Friday and reporting will begin in FY23. Transportation workgroup is on hold to rework their goals. Code chart updates were discussed. Tiered rate for psychiatric inpatient services is being developed. Bob Sheehan asked if the EQI workgroup members felt that the Department was working well with them. Donna stated that for this year, reports are just starting to be developed. She stated that the deadline feels a little tight, but she was not aware of how others around the state were doing with the February 28<sup>th</sup> deadline. Donna believes that completing the Standard Cost Allocation is supposed to then flow into the EQI. Tiered rates for licensed residential services will begin to be worked on later this month. Work from this group had stalled but looks to ramp up again with meetings starting tomorrow. Donna gave details on how rates becoming complicated is affecting how payments are getting out. Group discussed what the issue with paying out using PMPM was. Cost settling is being done with CMHs as well. Donna then spoke about modifiers for level of education for codes. Reporting the degree that is appropriate for that service is key. The State will consider allowing reporting of a higher level of education modifier. Code chart updates were listed in the notes provided to the group and are incorporated in the chart on the website. Donna reported that the telemedicine policy will stay in place due to the federal emergency policy being extended to April 16, 2022. A post Covid plan is being looked at and reviewed by leadership. Bob Sheehan stated that the Association has a Telehealth Policy workgroup which they hope to have telemedicine policies put in place beyond this extension. FQ modifier was created for use with audio only services. Current method is to use the comments, so no use of the FQ modifier will be necessary. There was discussion on E and M codes and whether Medicaid would cover these. Audio only and telemed are now approved and covered by Medicaid, but not Medicare. Donna gave details on H2011 and crisis billing which requires a modifier. Discussion took place on coverage for Vivitrol. This will be added as an SUD Service. Discussion took place on how to differentiate Covid relief dollars when they are used for services. No solutions were identified for this issue, just discussion.

#### GF Negotiations – Lisa Morse

Lisa Morse suggested that EDIT become a standing agenda item during Contract Negotiations meetings to make sure the discussions and decisions being made there are incorporated into any contract changes that need to take place. Group agreed. Lisa reported on recent negotiations, giving details on the Compliance Examination attachment, and the Self-determined guideline and policy as well as the implementation guideline. Bob stated that the Association has taken the stance that guidelines are extensions of the contract and must be negotiated. If they are not, then they will be considered suggestions, and may or may not be followed. Lisa stated that other details discussed during the negotiations meeting were the lack of local match language changes in the contract (Bob will develop a communication to Jackie Sproat addressing this issue), PASSAR agreement changes, facility and medical expenses being billed to CMHs, National Health Service Corps legislation changes, and Standard Cost Allocation reporting. Bob Sheehan stated that the Association received emails from the Department stating they felt they were correct in their view on reporting. The Association will continue to work with Jackie Sproat to try and show reason that the Department is not correct in their assumptions. A meeting has been scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> to continue reviewing information on this front. Bob spoke about solidarity moving forward if the Department sticks to their guns. He stated that the Association will advise all agencies boycott their decision if it remains as it is currently. Group agreed by consensus with this line of thought for future action.

Lisa stated that the Department is now using a Microsoft Teams channel for viewing and modifying documents in the future for the Contract Negotiations group.

#### Legislative Update – Alan Bolter

Alan gave details on the Revenue Estimating Conference that took place last week which shows almost \$6 Billion more in state GF than they have previously had. This is due to the Federal Covid relief dollars and ARPA funds. They will likely see additional funds from the Federal Infrastructure bill that recently passed. He stated that the Governor will be holding the State of the State address on January 26<sup>th</sup>, and there will likely be some mention of mental health services, but it is unclear what aspects will be mentioned. The Governor has been in the Traverse City area and Oakland County in the last week or two holding discussions about mental health. Alan reported that HB 5165 will put Michigan back in line with repayment for NHSC ability to pay standards. This will likely pass quickly and provide some relief to our members losing staff over the loan repayment program. Alan then reported that there have been no changes to SBs 597 & 598, but this will likely change early this year. Senator Shirkey has stated that he would like to move these bills forward in the first 60 days of 2022.

## Funding Issues – Bruce Bridges

### Year to Date Funding vs. Actuary Expectations

Bruce gave details of the Actuarial projected funding versus actual funding advances. He stated that 2021 is pretty much wrapped up, except for a few HSW payments still out there. He expects there will be some lapse that will need to be monitored. Bob Sheehan stated that a good chunk was used for services as well. Bruce then spoke about where we are at for the current year, stating that we are a little behind on the DABs. TANFs are running higher and the HMP is much lower than what Miliman had projected as far as the number of people. CCBHC funding had a much smaller amount projected from Miliman than what is actually flowing to those operations.

There was no other business.

The next meeting of the Contract & Financial Issues Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2022, 1:00pm. This meeting will be held in-person AND via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17pm.