

Notes from 27 July, 2020 NC CPSS

Present: Karen K, Lyn L., Brandon, Rosemary, Cherene, Wes, Tara, Bernice, Greg, Kemi, Trasha, Elliot (on for 10 minutes and left), Joseph (in at 4:07), Patty (in at 4:07); Victor Armstrong and Dr. M. Laws joined at 4:10.

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Welcome and agenda	Facilitator: Karen Kranbuehl Note taker(s): Lyn Legere		

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Review of last meeting Notes	Notes from the 6/29, 7/13, 7/20 meetings were reviewed, adopted/approved.		

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Updates from the Division – Brandon	<p>No updates – just ask any questions from Victor who will be on call later. (Brandon)</p> <p>Division and DMA has been having weekly calls for people using services and their family members to ask questions about new coverage, coverage changes, etc. Started as weekly, but has been changing as attendance has gone down. Moving to last Monday every month. Provider calls are also going down to monthly. (2nd Thurs of each month?)</p>		

Update from Chapel Hill Workgroup	No updates		
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Posting recommendations that were submitted to Division	<p>Reminder that, for Peer Voice NC (PVNC), SAMHSA funding sets an expectation of a level of transparency, which PVNC accomplishes through its facebook page.</p> <p>Discussion re: It's not so much IF we'll post, but what we'll post.</p> <p>Consensus reached on posting the following for transparency, prior to any public comment-type posting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview document • Member list of members/affiliation • Links to research references • Note about submitting statutory language 	Karen will write an introductory paragraph to provide context of the posting and circulate for comments.	

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Training on Advocacy etc.	Brandon: Had conversations with Wes and Dr. Laws. Dr. Laws will inform us on the call later today.		
Request from Addiction Professionals of NC	<p>Tara and Cherene: Request from APNC for us to join on a Panel on the future of Peer Support. Cherene was also approached and agreed to do it.</p> <p>Discussion that perhaps someone from the Division would also be helpful to demonstrate partnership.</p> <p>Cherene reported that APNC also has a leadership training for people with addictions. May share some pieces that can be modified for mental health community. Other leadership trainings</p>	Reach out to Dr. Laws about her interest in participating in the panel.	

	being developed as well.		
Public Comment Period	General discussion of possible ways to approach the 'public comment' process, including mechanics, timing, advantages and disadvantages of doing it through the commission itself.		
Mental Health Commission	<p>Cherene looked up the representatives of the Mental Health Commission/Council. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NAMI ● NC Health Care Assoc ● NC Chapter of Assoc of Social Workers ● NC Psychiatric Assoc <p>Unclear what role they play in roles/policy etc.</p>		
Victor Armstrong	Focused on historically marginalized communities, as evidenced about how COVID has disproportionately affected people of color. Also sees the mental health community as historically marginalized.		
Dr. Laws	Document is now with Rene, Stacy Smith and others in the division.		
Victor	How do we get the voice of all the peers across the state. Don't want to have some voices having more weight than other voices. Historically, we have not been intentional in getting the voice of historically marginalized voices.		
Karen	Review of group consensus regarding initial posting for transparency and clarification that this is a step before the formal public comment period.		
Victor	Victor suggested various considerations to keep in mind during this process, including reaching out to stakeholders of all kinds as well as noting the tailored plan RFA process that is currently ongoing.		

	<p>Important for us to introduce ourselves as a group that wants to help us come up with meaningful solutions, not police them. Right now, may seem like just another group that wants a seat at the table.</p> <p>Division working with LME/MCOs about how equity and inclusion is operationalized at the MCO level. This might be a role that the Commission can play in leading the way on describing, operationalizing.</p>		
	<p>Discussion about various marginalized communities and how then does money get apportioned, etc.</p>		
<p>(Karen is typing this part: Lyn and a few others dropped off when Victor and Dr. Laws left)</p>	<p>Members agreed to meet next Monday to discuss the public comment period, time constraints, processes, and division of tasks that would need to happen. Based on the time frame that Dr. Laws discussed, the public comment period would need to start sometime in August. Dr. Laws has explained that the Division is not in the position to provide a target date for getting back to the Commission regarding the recommendations. This appears to create some ambiguity around the process for coordinating with the Division prior to a public comment period.</p>		