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From the Director...



Impact of the Affordable Health Act

With the initiation of the Project O-YEAH Program, which targets young adults ages 16½ to 24 with serious emotional and mental health needs, their eligibility for behavioral health services and supports has become critically important to Wraparound Milwaukee. The sustainability of these services will depend greatly on their eligibility for Medicaid and other programs under the new Affordable Care Act.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) will extend mental health coverage to millions of young adults ages 19-29. The largest impact will be through the expansion of Medicaid to low income families (up to 133% of the federal poverty level). Up to now, coverage for adults, particularly without children, has been more restrictive. Additionally, other young adults will be covered by private insurance, either through their parents' plans (up to age 26) or through subsidized plans they purchase through new insurance exchanges. Finally, former foster youth who were in foster care at their 18th birthday will be eligible to receive Medicaid through age 26. In total, up to 80% of all young adults who would have been uninsured may gain coverage.

In terms of the type of mental health services, young adults who stay on their parents' private health insurance plans up to age 26, or use health exchanges, will receive mental and behavioral health treatments specified in those plans. Unfortunately, private health insurance policies rarely cover things like case management, peer support, home-based treatment, etc. State policy makers are looking at what services the exchanges will cover, so advocacy in this area by families and communities may be important. Young adults who become eligible to enroll in Medicaid under the ACA expansion may not get the same benefits as people currently eligible for Medicaid. This is similar to the current situation in Wisconsin's BadgerCare Plus program, with the difference between the core plan and more comprehensive standard plan. It will be important to see if peer and family support, in-home treatment and some of the other new supports for young adults find their way into what the State Medicaid program will cover.

States will have the opportunity to include people with serious mental illness as part of the

population of people with "special health needs", who will be eligible for the standard Medicaid plan with its wider range of coverage.

Wraparound Milwaukee will keep you up to date on ACA as implementation takes place over the next two years.

Bruce Kamradt, Director

Wraparound Success Story...



Hi, I'm Antonio and here is the story about me and how I came to be a very happy teenager. I grew up with my father on the south side of Milwaukee. My brothers and I lived with him from the age of 7 to 14. During that time I dealt with a lot of family issues – my father developed cancer and I instantly became an adult supporting my brothers. As a result, I was failing school because of so much stress worrying about my dad and my brothers. My dad passed away and I went to live with my mother. Living with my mother was stressful; we often argued and disagreed on how to raise my brothers. After a while, I started not to care anymore and engaged in things that were harmful to me, like using drugs, drinking, having sex and running away. Things became so bad that I had to stay in shelter for two months. I then was enrolled in Wraparound Milwaukee and the building of our family team began. I moved back in with my mom and things still didn't improve, so I moved in with my grandpa. I am really thankful that he took me in, but I still didn't think things would change.

One day before moving with my grandpa I was robbed. I was helped by a police officer named Dave, but to me he's my brother Dave. As Dave investigated the robbery, I began to talk to him about church, invited him to attend with me and our relationship grew from there. He started to attend my church services and over time we became good friends. Dave



and his wife Christie helped me the whole time I was with my grandpa. They bought me clothes, food and even cleaning supplies. I spent a lot of time with their family, they helped me with homework and we often ate dinner together. Dave even started to attend meetings with my Wraparound Care Coordinator and eventually became a part of my team. Things were going so well that I asked if I could move in and be another member of their family. After a month, multiple visits and attending court, Dave became my legal guardian and now I am a part of their family.

According to Dave, I have changed a great deal in a short time. I'm happy and look for guidance in everyday matters. I ask for help with schoolwork and went from failing grades last semester to A's and B's this semester. Things have really changed for me, not only do I have a great family with Dave and Christie, but my relationship with my mother and brothers is growing too. Thank you Dave and Christie – I love you guys very much.

Submitted by My Home, Your Home



Youth Council...

The Wraparound Milwaukee Youth Council held their first Community Service Day on August 17, 2011. The event was done in collaboration with care coordination agencies and our provider network. Youth were encouraged to participate in one of ten prearranged community service locations, including local churches, parks, businesses and neighborhoods.

Youth were required to perform 3 to 4 hours of community services, whether it be picking up trash, helping organize pantries or painting. In all there were over 90 youth that participated, along with all the adult providers that helped make this event a true success.

The Youth Council would like to extend a special thank you to St. Rose Youth and Family Center for hosting the event, Tanya Cummings, Supervisor at REACH – LaCausa, and Jessica Zoch, Supervisor at Willowglen, for arranging locations to attend, Shannon Smith, Care Coordinator at St. Charles, for having this wonderful idea, Melanie Fleischmann, Wraparound Screener, for arranging the provider network, and to all the other agencies who helped plan this wonderful event. The Youth Council is planning on holding another event in October.

In the next few months the Youth Council is planning events that include a back to school celebration, a fashion show, a community service project and roller skating. Along with these events, the Youth

Council continues to hold bi-weekly planning meetings and is working in collaboration with Project O-YEAH to help get more youth engaged. Go Brewers!

Brian McBride, St. Charles Youth & Family Services

Mobile Crisis...

The Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT) recently completed a one month hospital diversion outcome study. In August, MUTT saw 20 Wraparound youth deemed in need of possible inpatient psychiatric care and diverted all of those youth from the more restrictive setting. All youth were maintained in community-based care for a period of one month, using child and family team strategies and supports, along with MUTT intervention.

MUTT also compiled a 10 family satisfaction survey this summer, which showed very positive response to our services. MUTT will also participate in re-credentialing by the State of Wisconsin in September, and pursue renewed licensing under HFS 34.

Dr. Chris Morano, Mobile Crisis Services Director

Announcements...

Positive Recognition Awards

The following have been recipients of “Positive Recognition” awards:

Floyd Jones – Running Rebels

Nominated by Sally Diestelmann – St. Charles Youth & Family Services

“I’d like to recognize Floyd for going above and beyond his duties as a crisis stabilizer. My client has formed a great positive connection with Floyd and turns to him first in times of crisis... He truly deserves positive recognition for all that he has done!”

Melissa Monsoor – Children’s Court Center Probation

Nominated by Lorena Cardenas - Parent

“For her support and understanding child problems.”

Kristina Langenkamp – Aurora Family Service

Nominated by Lorena Cardenas - Parent

“For her support and understanding the child and helping him with all she can.”

Karen Baker – New Horizon Center

Nominated by Krista McNeil – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

“Karen recently started working with a young lady in Wraparound and already has spent quality time getting her connected to positive activities within the community. Kim is upbeat, reliable, resourceful and a



pleasure to be around. Thank you so much for making your presence known in such a positive way!"

Melanie Figueroa – LaCausa, Inc.

Nominated by Danyelle Sun – LaCausa, Inc.

"Melanie has gone above and beyond for the benefit of the youth and families she works with. Her compassion and dedication is astounding and is clearly seen in the work she does. Thank you, Melanie!"

David Earl – LaCausa, Inc.

Nominated by Allison Kolstad – LaCausa, Inc.

"David was assigned to a child with aspergers. The child's mother had nothing but positive things to say. She said everyone loves him and that he is part of the family. The mother spoke so highly of him and said she felt lucky to have such a great provider."

Upcoming Events...



OCTOBER 2011

- Oct. 4** **ARB Meetings**
9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Oct. 5** **Centralized QA Meeting**
9:00-11:00am WM – Room 212
- Oct. 6** **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting**
8:15-10:15am @ St. Charles Youth & Family
- Oct. 6** **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Oct. 6** **Monthly Care Coordinator Mtg.**
1:00-3:00pm CHP Auditorium
- Oct. 11** **ARB Meetings**
9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 212
- Oct. 12** **Child Psych. Cons. – MHYH**
12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

- Oct. 12** **Youth Council Meeting**
5:00-6:00pm 9201 Watertown Plank Road
- Oct. 13** **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Oct. 15** **FAMILY ORIENTATION**
11:00-12:30pm WM – Room 416
- Oct. 18** **New Care Coord. Trg. – M1**
8:30-12:30pm WM – Room 416
- Oct. 18** **ARB Meetings**
9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Oct. 19** **New Care Coord. Trg. – M2a**
8:30-4:00pm WM – Room 416
- Oct. 19** **Partnership Council**
11:30-2:00pm WM – Room 212
- Oct. 20** **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting**
8:15-10:15am @ St. Charles Youth & Family
- Oct. 20** **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Oct. 19** **Youth Council Event**
Time TBA
- Oct. 21** **New Care Coord. Trg. – M2b**
8:30-4:00pm WM – Room 416
- Oct. 24** **Provider Fiscal Training**
9:30-11:00am WM – Room 212
- Oct. 25** **FOCUS Meeting**
10:10-12:00pm WM – Room 212
- Oct. 26** **Child Psych. Cons. – St. A's**
12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
- Oct. 26** **Youth Council Meeting**
5:00-6:00pm 9201 Watertown Plank Road
- Oct. 27** **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

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For more information on Wraparound Milwaukee, go to our Website at www.county.milwaukee.gov and search using the keywords "Wraparound Milwaukee".

Greater Milwaukee Major Events

10/2	Milwaukee's Lakefront Marathon	Grafton to Milw. Lakefront	(414) 291-2647
10/21-10/22	Gallery Night and Day	Downtown Milwaukee	(414) 273-1173
10/21-10/23	Hunting Moon Pow Wow	Potawatomi Bingo Casino	(414) 847-7320
11/5	Veteran's Day Parade	Downtown Milwaukee	(414) 273-5533
11/17-1/8	Milw. Holiday Lights Festival	Downtown Milwaukee	(414) 220-4700

