



Southeast AMHI and Region 10 Director Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: 2117 01 161 Multi-Purpose Room

Duration: 2 hours 31 minutes 28 seconds

Welcome and Introductions

- Participants introduced themselves, representing counties and organizations across the region.
- Key discussion included provider enrollment and revalidation processes, emphasizing the importance of monitoring specific mailboxes for communication.
 - Action: Karen Bunkowski will forward an email regarding revalidation to Amy Becker for wider distribution.

County Roundtable Updates

- **Houston County:** Raised concerns about child care licensing audits. Discussion included experiences with audits and strategies to address initial feedback.
- **Olmsted County:** Announced internal promotion of Gil Domally as CFS Director and shared updates on AI pilot projects for eligibility work and dashboard development.
 - Discussion on modernization challenges and legislative advocacy for MACCSA and SSIS updates.
- **Goodhue County:** Reported an uptick in HIV cases and outlined public information and targeted outreach strategies.
 - Action: Increase public awareness while mitigating stigma.
- **Fillmore County:** Exploring a mobile drop-in center concept in collaboration with Veteran Services.
- **Winona County:** Planning to expand employment services for individuals with mental health diagnoses and increase community outreach efforts.

Website Overview

- A new AMHI website was launched with features including crisis resources, grant applications, and accessibility tools.
 - Action: Counties to update their websites with the new AMHI link and logo.
 - Vendor will maintain and update the website.

Redistribution of AMHI Dollars

- Executive Committee recommended covering increased call center costs by reducing extra local spend funds.

- Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion on utilizing extra AMHI funds:
 - Suggestions included hiring navigators, expanding peer support, housing outreach, and supporting drop-in centers.

Crisis Expenditures 2024

- Updates provided on reconciliation of invoices. Candace communicated deadlines for providers to submit outstanding invoices by January 15th.
 - Action: Maggie Fort will ensure accurate billing adjustments and communicate with counties.

SERCC Advisory Committee Participation

- Reviewed draft agreement for a new advisory committee structure.
 - Action: Counties to review the agreement and provide feedback by February.
 - Decision to vote on participation at the February meeting.

Administrative Updates

- Cooperative agreements must be signed and submitted before payments can be released.
 - Action: Counties to finalize and submit agreements.
- Process updates for SERCC POS and invoicing timelines were shared.

Roundtable Discussion on Creative AMHI Fund Use

- Shared strategies for utilizing AMHI funds effectively, including:
 - Expanding housing and stabilization services.
 - Increasing outreach efforts.
 - Developing rapid rehousing programs.

Next Steps and Closing

- Upcoming agenda items include further discussion on the advisory committee and updates on AMHI fund utilization.
- Meeting adjourned with plans to reconvene in February.

Action Items Summary:

1. Karen Bunkowski to distribute revalidation email.
2. Counties to update their websites with AMHI link and logo.
3. Maggie Fort to reconcile and distribute billing updates.

4. Counties to review SERCC advisory committee agreement and prepare for February vote.
5. Submit signed cooperative agreements to facilitate payments.

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