

**OREGON MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**February 25, 2009 (9:00 am– 12:00 p.m.)**

**Oregon State Library**

**Salem, Oregon**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Carole Romm, RN; Jim Russell, MSW; Robert Bach; Ellen Gradison; Mike Shirtcliff, DMD; Dick Stenson; Thomas Turek, MD

**PHONE PARTICIPANTS:** Kelley Kaiser

**PRESENTERS:** Rod Calkins, Karen Wheeler, Gary Cobb, Carla Ayers

**STAFF:** Nicole Merrithew, Nathan Hierlmaier, Sean Kolmer, Nora Leibowitz

**VISITORS:** Sonciray Bonnell, Ralph Summers, Vivian Levy

TOPIC	Key Discussion Points	Action	Responsible Party
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded.	Minutes approved	MAC members
<b>Behavioral &amp; Physical Health Integration: Array of Services</b>	<p>Karen Wheeler, Addictions and Mental Health Division, DHS, presented an overview of addiction services and how they are administered at a state and county level. (see handout <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/MAC/docs/Meeting_Materials/2009_Materials/MAC_Meeting_Materials_022509.pdf">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/MAC/docs/Meeting_Materials/2009_Materials/MAC_Meeting_Materials_022509.pdf</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Statistics regarding addiction prevalence were presented.</li> <li>➤ Currently, there is state-wide wait list for residential treatment programs but not outpatient treatment services.</li> <li>➤ Addiction should be presented as a chronic condition; Oregon is building a recovery-oriented system of care in addictions versus something that needs episodic care.</li> </ul> <p>Carla Ayers, Addiction Services Consumer Advocate, spoke regarding how treatment made a difference to her life for her 12 years of sobriety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Treatment is not recovery: treatment is learning the tools to implement recovery when you get out of recovery.</li> <li>➤ Incarceration led Carla to reevaluate her life, yet treatment wasn't available in prison.</li> <li>➤ Today, Carla works as a supervisor in a therapeutic preschool for children exposed to abuse and neglect along with peer-to-peer recovery support services. She is working on her master's degree.</li> </ul> <p>Gary Cobb, Addiction Services Consumer Advocate, spoke about his 8 years of sobriety after accessing addiction treatment services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ He tried treatment 4 times before experiencing a successful recovery.</li> <li>➤ Gary is currently a community organizer in the downtown area. He helps people with addictions to get the information and resources needed for successful recovery.</li> </ul> <p>Rod Calkins, Administrator/Mental Health Director, Marion Country Health Department, discussed the array</p>	Members present received a handout.	

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	<p>of mental health services and the appropriate point of care. (See handout <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/MAC/docs/Meeting_Materials/2009_Materials/MAC_Meeting_Materials_022509.pdf">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/MAC/docs/Meeting_Materials/2009_Materials/MAC_Meeting_Materials_022509.pdf</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The array of mental health problems is extensive and available mental health services must be diverse to cover such a variety.</li> <li>➤ Coordinating care across agencies is becoming increasingly important in terms of delivery.</li> <li>➤ Prevention activities leading to proper childhood development can defray future medical costs and improve quality of life.</li> <li>➤ By identifying problems as they are starting to occur and intervening early, the destructive downward spiral can be prevented.</li> <li>➤ In-community treatment has become a focus for adolescent services.</li> <li>➤ Long-term supports are better than short-term therapy.</li> <li>➤ Peer-delivered services are essential for a recovery-oriented system and help people find a bridge from treatment to support to maintain recovery.</li> </ul>		
<b>General Updates</b>	<p>Nicole Merrithew, MAC Director, presented general updates to the Committee. (See handout <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/MAC/docs/Meeting_Materials/2009_Materials/MAC_Meeting_Materials_022509.pdf">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/MAC/docs/Meeting_Materials/2009_Materials/MAC_Meeting_Materials_022509.pdf</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Committee will not take a vote on whether to endorse the <i>Oregon Health Forum Collaborative Consensus Statement</i> at this time because the statement will be undergoing a few language changes. It will be brought back to the Committee when it is in a final form.</li> <li>➤ The November MAC meeting has been rescheduled to November 19<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	Members present received a handout.	Staff
<b>Federal Legislative Update</b>	<p>Jeanny Phillips, Deputy Administrator, Division of Medical Assistance Programs, discussed the Stimulus bill and the CHIP Reauthorization bill. (See handout <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/MAC/docs/Meeting_Materials/2009_Materials/MAC_Meeting_Materials_022509.pdf">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/MAC/docs/Meeting_Materials/2009_Materials/MAC_Meeting_Materials_022509.pdf</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Stimulus package was signed into law February 17<sup>th</sup>, increasing the Medicaid match by \$87 billion, effective through December 31, 2010. It is estimated that this will provide 6,000 more jobs.</li> <li>➤ The Stimulus will help short-term Medicaid relief but will not provide a complete bailout.</li> <li>➤ The Stimulus also extends the Transitional Medical Assistance Program and QI (Qualified Medicare Insurance Beneficiary) program.</li> <li>➤ The CHIP allotment is currently \$61 million and could be increased by \$20 million.</li> </ul>	Members present received a handout.	
<b>State Legislative Update</b>	<p>Nicole Merrithew, MAC Director, opened discussion around MAC testimony before the legislature. (See handout <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/MAC/docs/Meeting_Materials/2009_Materials/MAC_Meeting_Materials_022509.pdf">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/MAC/docs/Meeting_Materials/2009_Materials/MAC_Meeting_Materials_022509.pdf</a>) (Discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The co-chairs will only testify as a representative of the MAC on those topics which have been deliberated with the group and recommendations have been put forth.</li> </ul>	Nicole will work with the co-chairs to develop testimony	Staff and MAC co-chairs

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ If necessary, a pre-announced conference call set up as a public meeting could be a way to quickly get MAC's approval for testimony.</li> <li>➤ Dental health was suggested as one area MAC could support since it has released recommendations on the subject.</li> </ul>	on topics the MAC has deliberated.	
<b>Section 1115 Waiver Renewals</b>	<p>Janna Starr, DMAP, Special Project Unit, DMAP, discussed the waiver renewal process.          (See handout <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/MAC/docs/Meeting_Materials/2009_Materials/MAC_Meeting_Materials_022509.pdf">http://www.oregon.gov/OHPPR/MAC/docs/Meeting_Materials/2009_Materials/MAC_Meeting_Materials_022509.pdf</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The current Section 1115 waiver expires October 30, 2010 and the renewal has to be submitted by October 30, 2009.</li> <li>➤ The waiver can't exempt mandatory services and benefits but can waive delivery components such as comprehensiveness and delivery methodologies.</li> </ul> <p>The current waiver relates mainly to the Prioritized List and expansion of coverage of children and adults up to 185% of the FPL.</p>	Members present received a handout.	
<b>Public comment</b>	No public comment was offered.		

**Next MAC meeting: Wednesday March 25, 2008 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Oregon State Library Room 103  
 250 Winter St. NE, Salem, Oregon**