

Region V Systems

Promoting Comprehensive Partnerships in Behavioral Health

Community Support / Non Residential Level of Care Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2017

1:30 p.m.

1645 'N' Street

Lincoln, NE

Present: Greg Bernt, BVBH; Dina Critel-Rathje, LFS; Kristi Svoboda, TASC; Katie Kimmerling, The Bridge; Tiffany Hicks, St. Monica's; Leslie Bitenieks, Jacob Grell, CenterPointe; John Turner and Breanne Chandler, Region V Systems

1. **Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Additions to the Agenda**

- Introductions were made.

2. **Case Discussion:**

- Kristi mentioned a Consumer that is a sex offender that she has had no luck finding housing for. He lost his previous voucher, was discharged from TASC but later enrolled again with stipulations including going to treatment and continuous medication use. The attendees suggested referring him to MVRT to help with housing.
- This Consumer has an apartment but is not doing well. Currently with TASC/The Bridge and housed through Matt Talbot but this support does not meet his needs; his worker was with him approx. 24 hrs. over the weekend. Diagnosed with PTSD, MDD and an active drinker. Has been in the hospital 28 times over the past 6 months. It was stated that this Consumer seems to need a nursing home like environment that will let him drink. This consumer has no funding for such a place. The attendees suggested to try a Medicaid waiver, have the league of human dignity do an evaluation; the REAL program could help with daily contacts or transfer to PIER; Mahoney Manor may be a good place for him if funding is found.

3. **System Issues**

- The need for more housing options was discussed.
- The attendees discussed how authorizations are working; having issues here and there. CenterPointe has an audit with United this week. LFS recently had an audit with United and shared with CenterPointe and the attendees that it went well but that they did want more notes of physical complaints and need to evaluate smoking at each review. It was shared that the Nebraska tobacco quit line will give free patches out to those who call and complete a short screening on the phone.
- Discussed the need for a Bed bug training.
- OUR Cottonwood has closed; the program moved to their main campus. IPAV was going to open a partial hospital program at Eastridge but no update has been heard. Would like them to come to this meeting; John will reach out and invite them.
- St. Monica's has re-started their community support case management program, Tiffany Hicks is now in this role.
- John gave an update regarding the housing action teams progress; shared that they are looking at the building that housed Cedars TLC program on 56th and Pioneers Blvd.

4. **Bed / Capacity Availability / Other Agency Updates**

- Region V: Housing application will change, vouchers limited to Priority 1, Rural and those leaving residential treatment.
- Blue Valley: CS is now fully staffed in Lincoln and has openings, med management has openings; there is a long waiting list in Beatrice, Fairbury is full with a short wtg list, short waitlists in Nebraska City, Seward, Wahoo, David City, and York. Hiring new staff for Seward.
- CenterPointe: Still having open screenings, openings depend on priority but CS is rather full. All housing program are only housing consumers through MVRT with exception to D St. and E St.
- LFS: Fully staffed, small waiting list for CS and med management has many openings.
- TASC: Has ERCS openings
- The Bridge: 5-7 days out for IOP; need to have a funding service.
- St. Monica's: No waiting list, will take referrals outside of STM consumers, need to have SD or Dual diagnosis.

5. **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting date is **November 20, 2017**, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.