

## ***FYI Fridays***

### **(Policy Guidance and DBH Updates)**

October 12, 2018

1. **CIMOR FTP Notice** - ITSD will be upgrading software that **will disable the FTP site Monday, October 15, 2018, beginning at 9:00 p.m. and ending at approximately 10:00 p.m.** Providers will **NOT be able to access FTP for uploading or downloading any reports or claim files during this time.** If you have any questions, please email the CIMOR **DBH Support Center** by Logging In and selecting the **Help Ticket** option found on the left side menu of the portal, <https://portal.dmh.mo.gov>.
2. **JRI Update** - On October 4, all parties involved with Missouri's Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) participated in a conference call to discuss the progress of implementation. Representatives from the Council on State Governments (CSG) participated, along with staff from DOC's Division of Probation and Parole, the DMH's Division of Behavioral Health, and the local treatment providers from each of the three pilot counties. Those counties include Boone, Butler, and Buchanan. Participants from both providers and Probation and Parole described unprecedented local level communication. They found that functioning as a team, particularly when co-located, made a tremendous difference in the process. The wraparound services that are available have assisted several individuals in overcoming barriers that might otherwise have interfered with their success while under supervision. CSG representatives were clearly impressed with the progress of the project and the level of commitment demonstrated by both agencies.

To date, the following are the numbers of those enrolled in the JRI program at the treatment provider and then numbers pending intake:

**Boone:** 17 enrolled; 5 pending

**Buchanan:** 14 enrolled; 12 pending

**Butler:** 17 enrolled; 3 pending

3. **STR/SOR Round Robin** – On October 5, many STR/SOR stakeholders came together to review the progress of STR initiatives, as well as highlight some of the planned activities under the SOR grant. Activities cross over prevention, treatment, and recovery. New PREVENTION projects discussed in the meeting included the following: Boys and Girls Club Positive Action; public service announcements; Better Family Life; and Partners in Prevention working with Historically Black Colleges and Universities. New TREATMENT projects reviewed including the following: Saint Louis University Addiction Medicine Fellowship; Washington University uMAT-R app (to be piloted at Queen of Peace and PFH); an Integration Coordinator at the St. Louis Integrated Health Network; buprenorphine induction at the Kansas City Assessment and Triage Center (KC-ATC); Hepatitis testing in SW Missouri; and a St. Louis County OUD Justice Initiative. New RECOVERY projects highlighted included the following: the addition of a new Recovery Community Center and Recovery Lighthouse's Recovery Family Support. *This is not a complete list of the SOR funded projects/activities.* It should be noted that it is a requirement of these federal funds that the emphasis of efforts be placed in the geographic areas hardest hit by the opioid crisis.
4. **MH Commission Meeting** – The Mental Health Commission convened on October 11 at DMH. In addition to budget and division updates, the Commission heard from Jennifer Tidball, Acting Director of MHD, regarding access to psychotropic medications. There was also a briefing from the DBH State Advisory Council, and a Developmental Disabilities consumer update. Val Huhn brought the group current information about the Governor's initiative around workforce development.

5. **Community Support Specialist Qualifications** – A memo outlining the new qualification for CSS positions was issued this week. This memo confirms that an Associate of Arts degree in Behavioral Health Support from a DMH-approved program is approved as a CSS qualification criterion. Access the full bulletin here: <https://dmh.mo.gov/ada/docs/bulletin46CSSSupervisorQualandComp.pdf>
6. **Burrell's Statewide Opioid Conference** – Burrell Behavioral Health sponsored a one-day conference focusing on the opioid crisis. "Integration & Change: Transforming the Opioid Epidemic in Missouri" was well attended and featured a full line-up of impressive and knowledgeable speakers and panelists, including Rachel Winograd, PhD and Angeline Stanislaus, MD. The keynote speaker was Omar Manejwala, MD. His presentation, "The Future of Addiction," was compelling and thought provoking. The key theme in the presentation was, "How can we make getting help easier than getting high?" Within this discussion he addressed the reduction of barriers, making services meaningful to individuals served (give them what they want, not what we think they need), and potential "disruptions" to healthcare that will propel the field forward. Excellent event!
7. **MHD's "Rapid Response Review"** – Over the next several months, DMH staff members will be working with its sister state agency, the Department of Social Services' MO HealthNet Division, as they engage in a Medicaid transformation initiative. The overarching objective is to identify opportunities and strategies to transform the MO Medicaid program. This will include the following action steps: 1. Perform rapid, in-depth assessment of current operations, practices, and performance of MO Health Net; 2. Identify recommendations to reduce costs and improve the quality of care of the Medicaid program; and, 3. Support prioritization of improvement areas across three main categories – improving operations, innovations in care delivery and payment structure, and changes to enrollment, benefits and rates.

### Training Opportunities and Resources

1. **Early Intervention in Youth Mental Health** - **October 16, 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM** at COMPASS Health Network (Pathways) 227 Metro Drive, Jefferson City. Register at <https://www.mosuccess.com/> hosted by, System of Care- Community for Early Signs and Symptoms. Contact JJ Gossrau (314) 877-0383 with questions. This training provides the rationale for early intervention in youth mental health and info on the service innovations aimed at improving outcomes for young people with mental health concerns.
2. **Youth Mental Health First Aid** - DMH is sponsoring a **Youth** Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training at DMH CO on **Monday, October 22 and Tuesday, October 23. Times are 8:15 am to 12:30 pm each day.** An attendee must attend both days and the full 8 hours to be certified. CEUs are available and attendees may purchase on their own. To register, contact Vickie Epple at [vickie.epple@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:vickie.epple@dmh.mo.gov) .
3. **Four Dimensions that Support Recovery** – On **October 26, 2018**, at Washington University in STL, Bridgeway Behavioral Health, Preferred Family Healthcare, and Washington University are hosting a FREE conference focusing on SAMSHA's Four Major Dimensions That Support a Life in Recovery. Featured speakers include Mark Stringer; Fred Rottnek, MD; Ryan Edwards, and Kimberly Johnson, PhD. Click on the link below to register. [Conference.bridgewaybh.com](http://Conference.bridgewaybh.com)

4. **2018 Children and Youth in Disasters Conference** – Scheduled for **October 29-30, 2018** at Tan-Tar-A. Day 1 is from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Day 2 is from 8 am to 12:30 pm. This conference will appeal to a wide variety of partners who may be called upon to assist in disaster scenarios that impact children occurring anywhere in the state of Missouri. Registration and more info: <https://health.mo.gov/emergencies/ert/childreyouthdisasterconference.php>
5. **KC - OEND Train the Trainers** - The MO-HOPE Project is conducting an overdose education and naloxone distribution trainings of trainers in Kansas City on **November 7, 2018, from 1-4pm**. Organizations interested in training are asked to limit themselves to five (5) participants due to limited space. Registration info: <https://mohopeproject.org/train-the-trainer-conducting-overdose-education-and-naloxone-distribution-oend-with-at-risk-populations-training-clinicians-and-front-line-service-providers-010718/>

***Look for updates on different topics/initiatives next Friday!***