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Integrated Managed Care

Integrated Managed Care was a central topic of this month's Statewide FYSPT and the Salish BHO Advisory Meeting. The Salish Region, which is called the Olympic Community of Health in the new system, will be one of the last regions to adopt the managed care model, starting in January of 2020. The goals for this project include combining physical and behavioral health, value-based payments, increased health equity, and there being no "wrong door" for care. The two main aspects of the integration that are being implemented currently are the clinical integration of care and the financial integration of providers. The clinical integration of care includes physical, behavioral, and dental care either being under one roof, or being in direct contact in order to enable better "whole person care." The financial side of integration will involve current providers of health care creating contracts with the managed care organizations (MCOs) who will oversee the Medicaid reimbursements.

The FYSPTs will remain a vital part of the new healthcare system, acting as a voice of those being served by Medicaid and as a watchdog group to protect the rights of our most vulnerable citizens. Other states, such as New York and Oregon, have initiated similar integrated managed care projects with positive results. As one of the last regions to transition, the Salish area will have the benefit of getting advice from other regions that have transformed. One persistent concern by the FYSPT constituents is that managed care by for-profit companies may result in service reductions. It is up to individuals and the FYSPTs to ensure that everyone gets high-quality health care in the new system. We hope you will join us in participating in FYSPT meetings and events in safeguarding youth behavioral health care.

Methadone Clinics Update

At the November Salish Behavioral Health Authority Advisory Board Meeting, it was reported that a meeting between opioid treatment service provider BayMark, the health officials of the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe, and Salish Behavioral Health Authority (BHO) had taken place. BayMark confirmed that they would open two clinics in the Salish area in the Spring of 2019. The Port Angeles clinic is expected to open in April, and the Kitsap location (exact location to be disclosed) is expected to open in May. The Jamestown S'Klallam are still exploring their options in opening a Sequim opioid treatment clinic, but expect that it would take at least two years to start operation.

Important Dates

There will be no official FYSPT meeting in December, but we welcome you to reach out to us anytime on our new Facebook Salish FYSPT Forum – a forum for anyone who are affected by, or interested in, the quality of care given to children and adolescents with special needs. This includes developmental disabilities, behavioral problems, trauma, and severe learning disabilities. Go to facebook.com/groups/309229109695228/ to join.

Salish Regional FYSPT Meeting – Nov. 26 at Catholic Community Service in Bremerton (3-5pm)

Salish BHO Executive Board Meeting – Dec. 14 at Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Center (9-11am)

Clallam Community Café – Jan. 23 at the Port Angeles Library (10am-12pm)

Salish Regional FYSPT Meeting – Jan. 28 at TBA

Statewide FYSPT Meeting – Feb. 5 in Lacey (9:30am-3pm)