

## May 14, 2024, CCBHC Steering Committee Monthly Meeting Notes

### Attendees:

- Allyson McDonnieal
- Amy Swanson
- Beth Fenech
- Denise Bell
- Diandra M. Lee
- Don Brown
- Hope Tomfohrde
- Jackie Griffin
- Jake Hutchins
- Jamie X. Caugills
- Jason Ferguson
- Jason Ramey
- Jody Fortenberry
- Jovante Jones
- Joy Hogge
- Kate J. MCMillin
- Katie Storr
- Kay Deneault
- Kim Hoover
- Kimberly A. Sartin-Holloway
- Kiri Parson
- Lea Vaassen
- Leslie Cain
- Mark Scott
- Melody Madaris
- Meredith Selby
- Mona M. Gauthier
- Nikki Tapp
- Olivia Blount
- Peter Gamache, Ph.D.
- Phadre Cole
- Rebecca Small
- Richard Jones
- Richard J. Manning
- Rita Porter
- Rusty Palmer
- Sally Hoogewerf, EdD
- Scott Hambleton
- Scott Summerall
- Shira Brownell
- Steven Allen
- Tamatha D. Creel
- Tiffany Baker

- Toniya Lay
- Trey Hudson
- Will Ruff

**Nikki Tapp** kicked off the meeting at 2:30 p.m. by welcoming everyone and reviewing the agenda, see below:

#### Agenda

- Welcome and Overview of Agenda
- CCBHC Planning Grant Updates
  - Demonstration Application Update
  - Mississippi Awarded National Policy Academies and Learning Collaborative participation
- Workforce Development Updates
- CCBHC Strategic Action and Resource Roadmap
  - Open Discussion
- June Steering Committee meeting date change due to Demonstration Application notification of June 17, *proposed date change to June 18<sup>th</sup>*

**Nikki Tapp** reviewed the agenda, vision for CCBHCs in Mississippi, and inviting everyone to provide input throughout the meeting discussion.

Amy Swanson provided an overview of Demonstration Application. Ms. Swanson covered the following details.

#### CCBHC Planning Grant

- Purpose: The CCBHC planning phase assists states in certifying clinics as CCBHCs, establish prospective payment systems for Medicaid reimbursable services, and prepare an application to participate in a four-year demonstration program.
- Timeframe: April 1, 2023, thru March 31, 2024, one-year no-cost extension approved.

#### Demonstration Application

- Purpose: Section 223 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA) of 2014 (P.L. 113-93)<sup>1</sup> authorized the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) demonstration to allow states to test a new strategy for delivering and reimbursing a comprehensive array of services provided in community behavioral health clinics.
- Deadline: Submitted on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, *Notification by June 12<sup>th</sup>*
- Other Background: 25 states were eligible to apply, 13 states applied

Ms. Joy Hogge asked if SAMHSA had verified if they received the application, or the application was awarded? Ms. Swanson responded that SAMHSA indicated that they are notifying the applicants by June 12<sup>th</sup>, or before then.

Ms. Swanson shared that in the meantime, we have submitted and received all three awards for some participation and what are known as national policy academies and Learning communities. Details are provided below, but they are a great opportunity for our state to get a lot of expertise at the national level. These are excellent opportunities for us to engage with some federal policymakers, other state policymakers, that can help support us in, in our goals.



*NASHP is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization with over three decades of experience in helping state policy makers lead. NASHP provides expertise, convenes states, shares innovations and best practices, and supports state policymakers in making concrete and sustainable health system reform. For more information, visit NASHP's website at [www.nashp.org](http://www.nashp.org).*

**NASHP Behavioral Health Workgroup Policy Academy will provide state team with the opportunity for peer-to-peer discussion, targeted support for policy strategies, and access to national experts.**

**Goal 1: Increase the percentage of billing encounters generated by licensed professional staff. Will require increased and improved recruiting of professional staff.** Will require efforts to retain professional staff and the development of pipeline programs with universities and the expansion of internship opportunities.

**Goal 2: Increase utilization of telehealth and teleconsultation.** Will require training staff for technology interface and service delivery nuances particular to telehealth.

**Mississippi State Team:**

- Phaedre Cole, Mississippi Association of Community Mental Health Centers
- Bob DeYoung, Mississippi Department of Employment Security
- Beth Little, Mississippi Community College Board
- Ricky Manning, Mississippi Department of Medicaid
- Jason McCarty, Mississippi Harm Reduction Initiative
- Mark Scott, Mississippi Department of Mental Health, Workforce Development Committee
- Katie Storr, Mississippi Department of Mental Health
- Amy Swanson, Mississippi Department of Mental Health



*SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is known nationally for leading federal efforts to promote the prevention and treatment of mental disorders. Congress created CMHS to bring new hope to adults who have serious mental illness and children with emotional disorders. CMHS' work includes supporting state and community efforts to adopt, implement, and sustain evidence-based Supported Employment programs to help individuals with a serious mental illness reach their goals of competitive employment.*

**Supported Employment in Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) Policy Academy. Mississippi will join 4 other states in this process to improve Supported Employment services and outcomes in CCBHC's.** Efforts will include: Building a supportive employment program(s); Screening and selecting clients for the program; Educational goal development; Engage with Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (MDRS); Pre-employment training: Coordinated care; Soft skills; Foundation skill upgrades; Post-employment support; Job development: Private Industry Council; Relationships with business; Identify incentives; and Internal placement.

<b>Mississippi State Team Members</b>		
Tiffany	Baker	Singing River Services
Kevin	Bishop	Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation
Yolonda	Boone	AccelerateMS
Robert	DeYoung	Mississippi Department of Employment Security
Katherine	Johnson	Mississippi Department of Mental Health
Melody	Madaris	Communicare
Wayne	McNeer	Region-9 Hinds Behavioral Health Services
Mary Lundy	Meruvia	Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Will	Ruff	Lifecore
Mark	Scott	Mississippi Department of Mental Health
Stephanie	Stout	Association of Mississippi Peer Support Specialists (AMPSS)
Amy	Swanson	Mississippi Department of Mental Health



*The National Council for Mental Wellbeing is a membership organization that drives policy and social change on behalf of more than 3,400 mental health and substance use treatment organizations and the more than 10 million children, adults and families they serve.*

**State Learning Collaborative: Aligning Crisis Response Systems and CCBHCs:** *The purpose of this learning collaborative is to support states in building crisis response systems that maximize the role of CCBHCs in those systems.*

We will establish a 3 to 5 year action plan to align CCBHCs and their crisis systems. The plan will anchor to concepts in the [Roadmap to the Ideal Crisis System](#), and take into account the unique structure, design, payment, and performance levers within each state to integrate the CCBHC model into the crisis system.

<b>Mississippi State Team Members</b>		
Regina	Arman	CONTACT The Crisis Line
Kristen	Campanella	President of Mississippi 911 Coordinators Association, President Elect of Mississippi NENA, and local 911 Director of Oktibbeha County.
Melody	Madaris	Communicare
Amy	Swanson	Mississippi Department of Mental Health

Ms. Swanson invited committee members to participate in any of the discussions by emailing Ms. Swanson or Ms. Tapp. Ms. Swanson thanked everyone who supported our applications with letters of support and being willing to participate. Ms. Swanson introduced Mark Scott to discuss our Workforce Development Planning efforts.

It is a pleasure to present today what's going on with our workforce development strategy and initiative. We are very excited about the technical assistance opportunity that we have and we're looking quite forward to that. Mr. Scott shared details of the Workforce Development Committee, including our subcommittees, and we are in the process of developing those subcommittees. He invited you to join a subcommittee by sending an email or dropping their name and contact information in the chat.



## Sub committees (will) include:

1. Paraprofessional Pipeline Program.
2. Increasing Licensed professionals labor pool.
3. Outreach & Recruiting Best Practices.
4. Supportive Employment.

### Membership:

Department of Mental Health

Division of Medicaid

Region 3

Region 6

Region 7

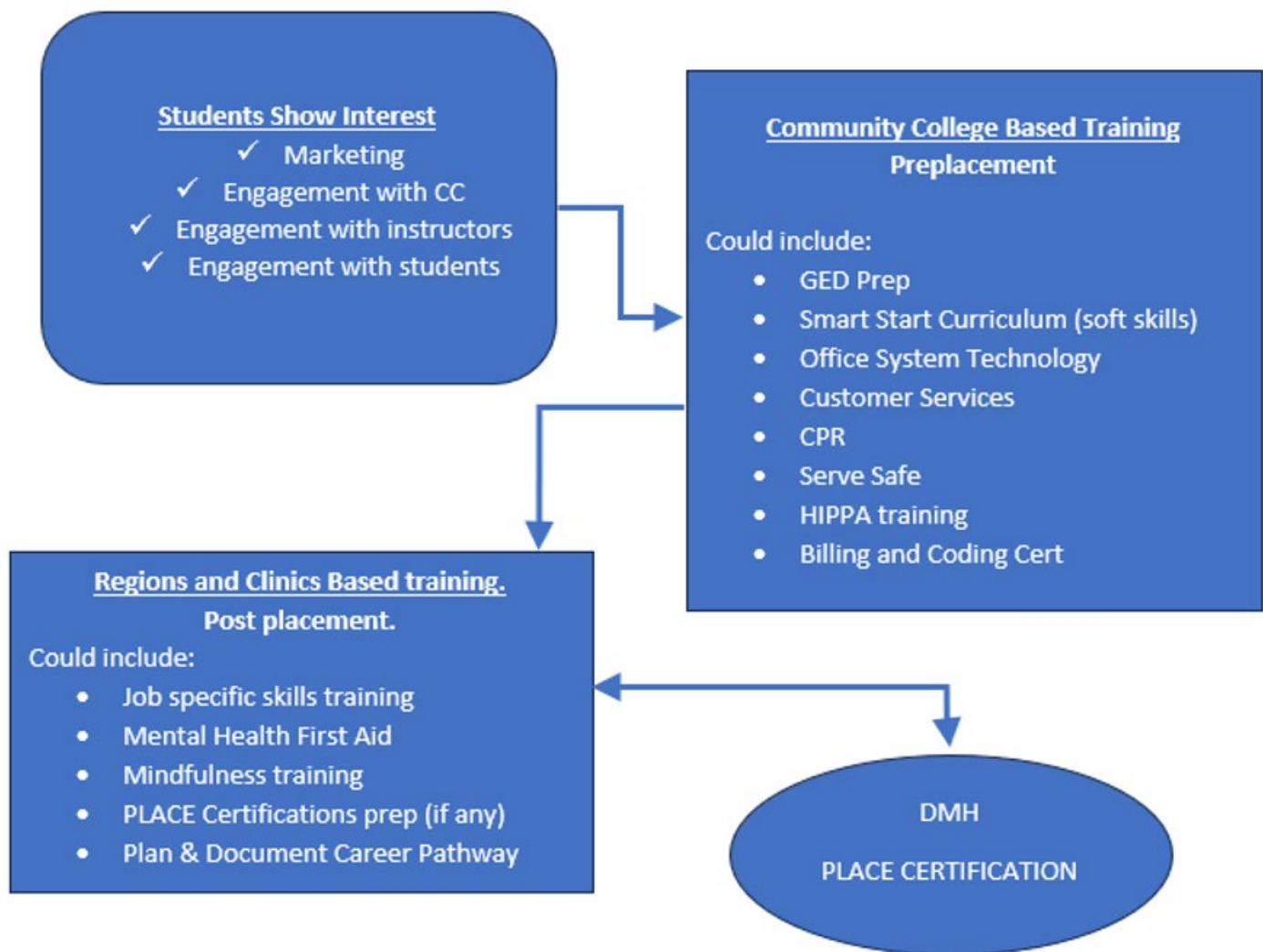
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### Assistance and SME's

- AccelerateMS
- Mississippi Manufactures Association  
(Subject Matter Expert advisor)
- Mississippi Department of  
Employment Security

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# Paraprofessional Pilot: Process



Mr. Scott thanked everyone and transitioned the discussion back to Ms. Swanson. She presented details about the Strategic Action and Resource Roadmap and invited Committee members to share feedback on what additional areas of work do you think we should be doing?

Ms. Joy Hogge asked in this kind of model, and you know what does that really look like in Mississippi? Where do they think we are as a state and then whether this gets approved or not? Whatever kind of accountability measures Medicaid has, and I know some of them are, I'm here. So they may have better words than I do. Because it seems like no matter what happens with the application, and I certainly wish it the very best and everyone the very best, there's probably a lot we could learn, but I don't even know how to think about it.

**Ms. Swanson shared that there are two** components in the demonstration application, so the things that Mississippi had to, you know, have a plan in place around which we do is around the PPS rates. First, PPS-1, is what we selected, is a daily not monthly rate, where if the Demonstration Application is awarded, state certified Mississippi CCBHCs will have the ability to pay the PPs-1 rate. Those

CCBHCs will have to follow the Mississippi certification criteria. We can circulate a copy of these if needed. If we are not successful in being accepted into the Demonstration, we will continue to work with our colleagues at the Division of Medicaid (DOM). Ms. Swanson invited Kate McMillan or others at Medicaid to respond.

Katie McMillin shared that there is a lot of information in the demonstration application that speaks to the partnership between DMH and DOM and what we've come up with in terms of the accountability measures, the rates, and that type of thing. There is going to be a continued partnership between Medicaid and DMH to, you know, come up with what that looks like and that PPS rate will reflect what Medicaid and mental health agree on.

Ms. Mona Gauthier asked if we get the approval of the demonstration project does the PPS-1 rate only apply to the two pilot sites, correct?

Ms. Swanson responded that yes, that is correct Mona, DMH has provisionally certified Regions 6 and 14. As a result, these are the only CMHCs eligible for the PPS-1 rate in the Demonstration period. She shared that DMH and DOM will discuss a plan for how to extend that to further certified state certified CBHC is moving forward and the timeline for that.

No further questions.

Ms. Swanson. Alright, well, I think we can wrap up. Thank you, guys, so much and hope you all have a great rest of your day and a wonderful week and cross your fingers until June 17.

Time was allowed for questions and/or comments.

Meeting ended at 3:00 p.m.