

AAPS Fourth Quarter 2009 Central Office Updates

New (Draft) Mission and Vision for Addiction and Prevention Services

We want to hear from our stakeholders regarding our recently developed updated Mission and Vision statements:

Mission: Partnering to promote prevention and recovery in Kansas communities

Vision: Kansas communities thrive and embrace recovery

If you have feedback, please e-mail the Director at deborah.stidham@srs.ks.gov

Pre-paid Inpatient Health Plan (Medicaid and AAPS funds)

1. 1915(b) Waiver Renewal approved by CMS – extends waiver through 6.30.11
2. Service Utilization Data
 - a. VERY GOOD NEWS! Medicaid penetration rate increased by 20% - which was above our target for this year of 10% increase
 - i. Total number of unique members served with Medicaid in FY09 = 6,123 – up from 4926 in FY08
 - b. Total number of unique members served with AAPS funds in FY09 = 13,042 – up from 10246 in FY08
 - c. ***A change coming soon*** - codes for peer support will require a modifier – more information will be disseminated at a later date – (H0038 and H0038 HQ)
3. State Quality Committee (SQC) - Accomplishments for FY09 were shared:
 - a. The group was updated about the first VO Annual Kansas Addiction Summit on Clinical Initiatives held July 28, 2009. Topics included: Assessment of Suicide Risk, Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care, and an Introduction to Evidence Based Practices in Addiction Treatment. Approximately 130 registered for the summit, and general feedback received was positive.
4. Annual On-site Review – Multidisciplinary team comprised of SRS program, fiscal and audit staff and KHPA staff carried out the annual on-site review of VO-KS on 4.30.09. Much progress was noted especially as it relates to ValueOptions Kansas specific practices this year.
5. EDS, the fiscal agent for the KHPA Medical Programs (Kansas Medicaid), is now known as **HP Enterprise Services**. EDS was acquired by HP in August of 2008, and the name change is a necessary part of the transition. Providers will begin seeing **HP Enterprise Services** on letterhead, envelopes, business cards and other documentation in the near future. Please feel free to contact **Customer Service at 800-933-6593** if you have any questions.
6. On November 1, 2009 **Medical Transportation Management (MTM, Inc.)** will begin providing Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) to the Kansas Medicaid Fee-For-Service population. Beneficiaries will have one toll free number to call M-F, 8-5 to schedule all appointments to and from Medicaid covered services. This change does not affect the MCO members of UniCare Health Plan of Kansas or Children’s Mercy Family Health Partners. It only effects the fee-for-service population. Please call Kim Brown with questions at 785-296-6754.

Problem Gambling

Workforce capacity:

1. Seventeen individuals passed the problem gambling counselor exam in August. Kansas currently has 8 KCGCs in the Boot Hill Casino area.
2. Beginning 10/1/09, Kansas Health Solutions will no longer handle problem gambling counselor certification. At their September board meeting, KAAP offered to handle all Kansas Certified Gambling Counselor certifications and re-certifications. Also, on 10/1/09, all KCGCs can accept referrals from the problem gambling helpline, at \$85.00 per hour up to a maximum of two hours. If you are a KCGC wanting to receive referrals, please contact Jim McGill, KHS, (785.291.9111).
3. The Kansas Educator's Group reviewed and approved two community colleges problem gambling curriculum at their September meeting – Dodge City Community College and Allen County Community College. Both plan to offer their classes in 2010.
4. SRS has been working with Boot Hill Casino to provide resources for their employee training addressing problem gambling.

Public Awareness:

1. SRS continue its work with the Kansas Responsible Gambling Alliance regarding a new problem gambling public awareness campaign, with new helpline cards (800.522.4700), brochures, billboards, a radio spot, and website. In November, the Kansas Alliance will hold their first joint meeting with the Missouri Alliance.
2. In September, 45 Kansas community colleges and universities received the new Kansas college-aged problem gambling awareness brochure. Contact Clay Walters, at PARS, to order a supply (785.266.8666).

Policy Development:

1. Rules and Regulations for the Problem Gambling and Addiction Grant fund have been approved by SRS legal and will be forwarded to the Department of Administration the first week of November.
2. The Kansas Outpatient Gambling Treatment Provider Grant Requirements and Kansas Problem Gambling Prevention Provider Grant Assurances are also complete.

Casino Development:

- Boot Hill Casino and Resort, Dodge City: Opens December 2009.
- Sumner County: Kansas Gaming Partners, LLC, the sole applicant, was approved by Kansas Lottery in August. The Gaming Facility Review Board has a December 28, 2009 deadline to approve the application.
- Wyandotte County: Kansas Speedway/Penn National, the sole applicant, was approved by KS Lottery in August. The Gaming Facility Review Board has a December 28, 2009 deadline to approve the application.
- Southeast Gaming Zone: No applicants - new application deadline set for October 19, 2009.
- Golden Eagle Casino announced in September their Voluntary Self Exclusion program is no longer in effect. They sent letters of notification to all individuals on their list regarding this policy change.

Special Initiatives

Promoting Recovery Oriented Systems of Care in Kansas:

1. The Kansas Citizens Committee with the support of AAPS provided a total of \$15,000 in grants to 10 agencies to hold recovery events across the state.
2. The Kansas Faces and Voices of Recovery representative was Chris Hall of Wichita. Chris and his wife were given an all expense trip to New York City to lead the National Faces and Voices recovery calibration march over the Brooklyn Bridge on September 12.
3. Mid American Addiction Technology Transfer Center (MAATTC) provided training to a 6 person team representing the recovery community of Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Arkansas in Kansas City on August 27 through the 29th. State teams received training from the National Faces and Voices of Recovery Director, Pat Taylor on how to deliver the message of recovery to the media and others that are not part of the recovery community. These teams will be working on projects in their states to promote teaching the language to others. More will be disseminated later as to the next steps that will be implemented to further this work in Kansas.

Peer Mentoring Services:

Peer mentoring trainings are being provided around the state for the 6 required hours to be a Peer Mentor in Training. Registration is available on the KAAP web site. Several providers are now providing the services and new applications are coming in. The policy for peer mentoring and application procedure is available on the AAPS web site under New Services.

4th Time DUI Services:

1. The new model of 4th time DUI services began September 1. The change in the past model had to be implemented due to a 70% reduction in available funding for treatment by the KDOC. AAPS, The RADAC contractors and care coordinators, the KDOC and their parole services officers, Value Options, and the 57 providers that were delivering services did a great job of making the needed changes as seamless and as efficiently as possible.
2. 21 providers were selected by Value Options to provide services for treatment under the new model. AAPS thanks and appreciates the work that the 57 providers in the network have done with this difficult population since 2001.

Treatment Team

Standards revision:

AAPS Central Office staff has developed an action plan but are revising the dates because of the counselor licensure bill. Section 3 will be omitted when we send the document out to providers for comment. This will allow time to make thoughtful revisions to Section 3 if the bill is passed.

AAPS Performance Improvement:

AAPS Central office staff worked with a contracted consultant and the other DBHS areas to develop new functions for these staff. It is hoped that the regions will approve the plan going forward for implementation this Fall. A performance improvement project has been developed which will focus on client decision/agency decision discharges. The data will be analyzed and interventions will be designed and developed.

Policy and Procedures:

AAPS Central Office staff recently revised licensing policy. These policies were sent out to all licensed providers and other stakeholders. The AAPS eligibility and TB policy were also updated and sent to all funded providers as well. A decision was made to separate the admission policy for priority populations from the 2003 eligibility policy so that it provided more clarity. All policy will be posted in the AAPS website in the near future. AAPS Central Office staff continues to develop new policy to guide staff and providers.

SAPT Block Grant:

1. Performance Reviews were conducted by the regional AAPS performance improvement and they summarized the information collected for their region. The information was forwarded to ValueOptions who will trend the results. AAPS Central Office and ValueOptions staff will meet to develop a plan, if needed, to provide technical assistance in areas identified.
2. The SAPT BG application was submitted on September 30 and is now under review by CSAT.

Prevention

Kansas Communities that Care Survey:

1. Prevention staff is working with contractors at Greenbush to finalize changes in the Kansas Communities That Care student survey. An advisory committee has been formed comprised of Regional Prevention Center staff, members of the Kansas Substance Abuse Profile Team, school personnel and community members to review suggestions for question changes. Suggestions this year that will be implemented include questions about where youth get prescription drugs and the use of prescription drugs by classification, questions about heroin use will be added and some minor wording changes to questions on social hosting and bullying.
2. The protocol for changing KCTC questions will be for questions to be submitted to Darren Dawson via the CTC website for review and potential modification every two years.

System Development Work Teams:

1. Plans have been developed related to the set of recommendations generated by the System Development Think Tank. These plans will be triaged into those that can be immediately implemented, those that will be implemented in the next set of grants and contracts and those that will be implemented in the overall AAPS Plan. For more information on the plans, contact Joyce Cussimano.
2. CSAP site review was completed and feedback has been provided to the state. There were no significant findings from the federal reviewers, however suggestions for improvement included:
 - a. Establishing targets to achieve statewide population level outcomes,
 - b. Increased measures of accountability for RPCs and local coalitions,
 - c. Formalize an advocacy network to support and promote enhanced prevention activities throughout the state and addressing substance abuse prevention across the lifespan.