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Hello!

I hope this finds everyone enjoying the month of June.

Please find below a list of topics for our workgroups this month, which came from the feedback you gave during and following the May workgroups. The list is too long to get through in 50 minutes, but it includes what was requested in all 6 Workgroups and we can continue to address as time goes on. If your agenda is not on here or you wish to add to the agenda, please add it to the chat in a meeting.

***THE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC AND WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT WORKGROUPS WERE JUST RECREATED AND THE INVITE RESENT THIS MORNING AROUND 10:40-11:00 AM. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE INVITE AND WISH TO ATTEND, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP.**

***OTP and ASAM:**

- **THIS MEETING IS BEING RESCHEDULED BY JOHN MCILVEEN**
- **Do OTP programs need to complete ASAM Level of Care applications?**
- **How do OTP program assessments show consistency with ASAM standards?**

AGENDA:

- **ASAM Level of Care Applications:** your questions and feedback. ASAM Level of Care applications were emailed on May 30, 2023. If you have not received that email, please let me know.
 - **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LOC APPLICATIONS:**
 - How in-depth does the documentation need to be when we submit the application?
 - Will a blank template of the Assessment suffice, or do we need to submit a completed sample?

- Does each LOC and/or Program require an application- do we need to provide a copy of the Assessment for each LOC/Program we offer at our agency?
- Our agency has been approved to provide ICOD services to treat dual diagnosis clients (MH, SUD, and Disordered Gambling). We are in the early stages of developing this program- as we create documentation for this program, we intend to blend pieces from the MH, SUD, and Gambling Assessments that we use. Do we need to submit an application and Assessment documentation to HSD once we have created the ICOD specific Assessment?
- Once given approval to use our ASAM Assessment, do we have to submit any future changes to HSD for review & approval? For example, if we discover that a certain referral source requires different screenings/info to be included in our Assessments, or we decide to remove/condense sections that are no longer useful, do we have to submit the changes/adaptations to HSD?

- **Assessments that are consistent with ASAM standards**

- Submitting blank or test client templates
- The total number and type of applications a program may need to submit
- What to do about the assessment if your program is approved to be an outpatient Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders (COD) provider under OAR 309-019-0145
- After the assessment is approved, when a change is needed or wanted, does it need to be approved by HSD prior to use?
 - If we have to submit every Assessment change/adaptation to HSD for approval, what does that timeline look like?
 - How soon does it need to be submitted to HSD for review, and how long would it take to obtain HSD approval prior to implementing such changes?
- WM: Is the ASAM required in assessments?
- ADOLESCENTS: developing a version with adolescent criteria
- CULTURALLY SPECIFIC: updating the current assessments to maintain the cultural sensitivity;
- TRIBAL:
 - Adding Tribal components to assessments
 - HSD was not able to locate the Tribal version of an ASAM assessment
 - ASAM was not familiar with a Tribal version of an ASAM assessment.
- WM: clarify what is needed from ASAM Criteria
- OP and RES: assessment rules are the same
- Updating Assessments:

- Internally
 - How to use assessments from other programs
- **Writing Policy:**
- ? : Should we use language in OAR for the ASAM level of care or do we have to include information from the ASAM Book about the ASAM PCC-2R Adult Placement Criteria as well
 - ? : Who plans to try to embed the ASAM dimensions within a behavioral health assessment (or vice versa) or have it be separate
 - ? : Which providers will pursue certification for LOC .5 if they are not providing DUII services
 - ? : Are others are pursuing the optional Enhanced or Capable service certifications.
 - What does this additional certification afford us and require of us?
 - ? : OAR 309-018-0130 states “non-licensed program staff and volunteers meeting the definition of a program staff shall receive at least two hours per month of clinical supervision”. Can the supervision for the non-licensed staff and volunteers be completed by someone who is not licensed? For example, a supervisor of residential milieu staff (non-credentialed)?
- **ASAM OARs – your questions**
- **Other follow-up:**
- HSD asked ASAM about an ASAM training that is done from a culturally specific perspective and ASAM does not offer such a training at this time, but believes there is one being developed.
 - HSD would like to hear from the youth and their families about this project and would like to know if providers would disseminate a survey.
 - ASAM’s response to questions from the May Workgroups about when we would know more about the changes to the ASAM Criteria 4th Ed.: *“Yes, fall 2023. The changes to dimensional admission rules should not affect administrative rules. It is the level of care service characteristics that will affect your administrative rules.”*
- **What do you need from HSD?**

See you soon!

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In everything you do, have you asked yourself, how will this affect the Oregon Tribes?

Link to the ASAM 115 SUD Waiver webpage: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Pages/ASAM-Workgroups.aspx>

Link to OARs: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/ruleSearch.action>

