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School Medicaid Advisory Committee

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9am - noon

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Members:									
	April Harrison	X	Ashleigh Walters		Chris Moore	X	Creighton Helms	X	Cynthia Branger Munoz
X	Elsa Flores	X	Eryn Womack	X	Joe Leykam	X	Kelle Hildebrandt	X	Kelly Coates
X	Kim Giansante	X	Landon Braden	X	Leanne Mixa Bettin	X	Lisa Ledson		Melissa Reagan
X	Sarah Foster	X	Stacy Michaelson	X	Wendy Niskanen	X	Willis Homann		

Also Present:									
X	Shelby Parks	X	Jennifer Dundon	X	Lasa Baxter	X	Jennifer Smith		Aimee Elliott
X	Allyson McNeill	X	Rusha Grinstead	X	Jeremy Ford	X	Lisa Eisenberg	X	Fran Pearson
X	Molly Haynes	X	John English	X	Ely Sanders				

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome, Opening, and Housekeeping (15 minutes) Shelby Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome and Opening Remarks<ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction of new SMAC members (Cynthia and Willis)Ask for volunteer of chat monitor and time keeperIcebreakerConfirm Process for Proposed Agenda ItemsReview Agenda	Shelby Parks shared the welcome and opening remarks. <p>Members put their answers to the icebreaker question into the chat.</p> <p>New members introduced themselves and other members put their information in the chat.</p> <p>Leanne Mixa Bettin volunteered to be the chat monitor.</p> <p>Shelby Parks volunteered to be the time-keeper.</p>
Role of Committee (10 minutes) (Allyson McNeill) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of role of the CommitteeVision of the SMAC	Allyson McNeill shared the role of the committee. <p>No comments or questions.</p>
State-Level Updates (10 minutes) (Jennifer Smith) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adopted Rules for SBHS	Jennifer Smith shared state-level updates. <p>Fall Webinar Series:</p>

- SB 1557 Legislative Report
- CMS SBS grant training and technical assistance
 - Fall Webinar Series
 - Panelist for CMS

Question about how the webinar series has been communicated.

- ODE and OHA List Serve
- Promoted at the webinars
- Presented at COSA for Special Education Directors
- Advertised at each Webinar for the next upcoming
- Monthly Medicaid Discussion and Office Hours

ODE asked for recommendations about how to improve communication methods to reach more individuals.

Webinar presentations will be shared to OHA's website once they have been processed for accessibility.

- Jennifer Smith shared link to OHA's new website [Oregon Health Authority : Oregon Health Plan \(OHP\)](#)
[School-Based Health Services : Oregon Health Plan : State of Oregon](#)

Questions received from chat about if the slides will be shared.

- SMAC Meeting slides will be shared along with the meeting notes.
- Shared excitement about Medicaid being cool.

SB 1557 Report:

Stacy Michaelson: Question around if there has been any questions, feedback or follow-up from legislators about the report?

- ODE has not received any questions.
- OHA has not received any questions.

QMHP/QMHA Information (10 minutes) (Jennifer Smith)

- Overview

Jennifer Smith shared QMHP/QMHA Information.

QMHP/QMHA Conversation:

Cynthia Branger Munoz: Clarification around peer delivered services: if peers can't be on school premises but they can do outreach. Ex. a student asked a peer to be on the school premises but because of the background check they can't. Seeking clarification.

- Jennifer Smith, OHA, will seek clarification around peer delivered services with the child and family behavioral health team.

Joe Leykam: Confusion around the description of QMHPs services as extension and outreach from Director Clarks letter. Comments that QMHPs are vital and they serve in the capacity as mental health therapists in mental health programs across the state. Essential in expanding non-profit and community mental health due to lack of behavioral health providers.

Joe Leykam: Question: Is there the potential to have some further explanation about what the authority lists as outreach and extension?

- Jennifer Smith has an upcoming meeting with the Child and Family Behavioral Health team to discuss different provider types and procedure codes.

Joe Leykam: Poses that the SMAC recommend that QMHP/QMHAs be reviewed and revised and the authority expand the certificate of approval or the designation of approved sites to schools which will allow schools to provide mental health services with other agencies with appropriate infrastructure.

Stacy Michaelson: Hearing feedback about QMHPs and QMHAs and acknowledging the expansion of recovery schools and how that space would make sense for those schools to have QMHPs and QMHAs on staff. Suggestion when building out the rules to think about today and in the future to be broad when opportunities arise. Think about recovery schools and the behavioral health support provided by education providers and be in a space to move quickly to take advantage of federal funding.

Wendy Niskanen: Clarification about QMHP and QMHAs providing services in the schools; those services cannot be billed.

- Jennifer Smith, yes because schools cannot have the certificate of approval and are only approved to work in settings that have that.

Wendy Niskanen: Comment about emphasizing working with the Behavioral Health Division at OHA to look at services that could be recouped and billed.

Parent Consent:

Lisa Ledson: Question about contracts that schools can have with COAs. Who is responsible for getting the informed consent from parents?

- Jennifer Smith, parent consent is the responsibility of the education agency.

Joe Leykam: Comment stating that if there is a contracted exterior agency such as a community mental health program they hold the responsibility for clinical consent as they hold the contract.

Concerns about knowledge around Parent Consent and aligning rules to make them understandable for education agencies and providers. Other members highlighted this concern and want it to be in the forefront.

Landon Braden: Comment about student information systems capturing parent consent within the system and it has to be checked in order to bill.

- Jennifer Dundon, if the education agency is going to bill Medicaid, FERPA and the IDEA have parent consent/notification requirements for information sharing necessary to bill Medicaid. In the clinical setting and clinical services HIPAA rules apply.
- Jennifer Smith, the clinical consent is the responsibility of the setting that has the certificate of the approval for the services.

Charter Update (20 minutes) (Jennifer Dundon)

- Review of [Charter](#) process for recommendations
- Charter Update
 - Communication & Advocacy
- Joe's Communication for a Recommendation

Jennifer Dundon shared the charter update:

Went through the Charter process for making recommendations.

For the QMHP/QMHA recommendation, as OHA has authority over those rules/regulations, OHA will take the recommendation and determine how to proceed.

Joe Leykam: Official recommendation that OHA reconsider QMHP/QMHA inclusion in the OARs.

- Rusha Grinstead, OHA, offered to provide a formal template
 - Several members agreed that a formal template would be helpful

Landon Braden: Interested in the information about service delivery and provider types. Suggested to the committee about how to open up the OARs as much as possible and to continue to have a conversation about it.

Clarification and conversation about QMHP/QMHAs.

Stacy Michaelson: Suggested having more conversations around these topics such as behavioral health and scope of practice.



Have clear communication about what School Medicaid is and what is being provided.

Wendy Niskanen: Suggested that we think about how it impacts the physical care of students.

Joe Leykam: Highlighted how to figure out how to equalize the billing rules to provide the same suite of services to schools that exist in their community mental health agency and increase services to students. Need to make the pathway to bill easier for schools to bill.

Lisa Ledson: Communicated her child's support and needs that they exist 24 hours a day. The whole child and the whole student needs to be acknowledged all day every day. Expressed her responsibility as an RN, to hold up student support.

Committee Vote:

Does the committee approve of moving forward with the recommendation for OHA to review and amend rules around QMHAs/QMHPs to allow for an expansion of services into schools?

Ayes: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

OHA will provide the SBEAR template to be shared to the committee to be used for future recommendations to follow the recommendation process.

Communication and Advocacy Charter Update:

Stacy Michaelson: Suggested an addition to the charter to name that as a committee members can suggest a spokesperson/s to communicate the information.

- Jennifer Dundon noted and will update Charter to include suggestion

Joe Leykam: Official statement and clarification his statement was his opinion and communicated that this issue needed to be raised to his colleagues and some elected officials. He was not trying to subvert communication or the voting process.

Discussion about clarifying the role of the committee and how things are communicated and advocated for within the role of the committee and following the approved process.

ODE and OHA appreciate the work of the committee and the roles that members play.

	<p>Landon Braden: Shared his thoughts on the committee being positive and how he is sharing what the group is doing. Wanted to clarify how things are communicated.</p> <p>Wendy Niskanen: Shared thoughts about what she shares from her perspective and to think about how to protect the shared space.</p> <p>Jennifer Dundon: Addressed that she will share the charter back out and asked for any suggestions to be placed into the chat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No other suggestions in the chat.
<p>Break (10 minutes)</p>	
<p>School Based Health Services (SBHS) Medicaid Oregon Administrative Rule Update #2 (50 minutes) (Jennifer Smith and Lasa Baxter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic planning for the addition of school psychologists, school social workers, and school counselors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Direct services ○ Impact on Medicaid Administrative Claiming • Strategic planning for the addition of personal care services and “free care” • Open forum for potential items to be addressed in the next rule update 	<p>Jennifer Smith shared the SBHS Medicaid OAR Update #2.</p> <p>Proposed Timeline Discussion:</p> <p>Wendy Niskanen: Highlighted the need for technology updates, workforce issues, nursing issues, and documentation and reducing the double documentation, and space for Electronic Health Record (EHR). Build in requirements for EHRs within the technology platform.</p> <p>Acute Care and Screenings:</p> <p>Landon Braden: Shared thoughts on the importance of thinking about the path of conversation for these services and highlighting the need to be able to bill for acute care and screenings.</p> <p>Joe Leykam: Expressed comment on difficulty of personal care services being a big task to accomplish versus acute care and screenings. Broader personal care services, pilot waiver for parents in the DD system to be compensated for services and reimbursement structures. Addressed concern around the general workforce and aligning with education and contract requirements. Will take time and is worth doing.</p> <p>Wendy Niskanen: Personal care work is essential and it needs to be figured out how to get it done and is a big job.</p> <p>Several chat comments and kudos about being prepared for continued discussions and what services look like.</p> <p>Stacy Michaelson: Continue to make progress on lower level hanging fruit such as screenings. Brought awareness to the space and suggested a subgroup of SMAC or district level providers to assess what services are being provided in a school that can be billed for. For example: transportation.</p>



- Chat named what UAP is, Unregulated Assistive Person
- Several people supported the need for a subgroup

Lisa Ledson: Mirrored Stacy's comment and how important it is to define what Personal Care Services mean. Continued education to be in line with serving children. Wants to be a part of the subgroup Stacy suggested. Described what personal care services look like in the school setting and to have continued conversations about it. Needs to be rolled out carefully and mindfully.

Leanne Mixa Bettin: Clarification about screenings and acute care, is this already part of the expansion or is there additional rule changes needed?

- Jennifer Smith, rules need to be changed in order to add Acute Care. What is billable is what is included in IPOC except coordination of care, evaluations, and consultation which doesn't have to be in an IPOC. Acute care and screenings will need to be a rule change.

Landon Braden: Is the point of this to ensure moving forward to capture money with services that are already available such as free care?

- Stacy Michaelson provided clarification on what free care means.

Discussion about how complex Medicaid can be and the differences between the programs and the infrastructure in place to capture money. Naming the gap in funding and the importance of addressing the needs to open resources.

- Chat discussion about High Cost Disabilities Funding (HCDF), \$30,000 and projected to reimburse 40% of claims cost
- Chat discussion about Non Emergent Medical Transportation and possible opportunities.
- Jennifer Dundon, shared in the chat: Prior rule and policy required that Medicaid reimbursement had to be deducted from applications for both the high cost disability grant and the state transportation grant. That is no longer the case.

Lisa Ledson: Offered to make a diagram and a schedule about a day in the life of a student, 24 hrs, who is receiving medicaid billable services. Shared story about her child's day and details about the services and how others outside the committee might not understand.

- Several members agreed that a visual would be helpful.

Kelly Coates: Communication about being thoughtful about mapping what organizations provide services and who is billing.



Suggested to lean into the expertise of these shared spaces such as a subgroup to support the work.

TSPC discussion:

No comments

Lasa Baxter shared Direct Services and MAC:

Joe Leykam: Expressed appreciation for thoughtfulness of the roll out and in a way that doesn't cut providers out. Figuring out a way to think about raising participation and being cautious.

Wendy Niskanen: Clarification around duplication of billing such as care coordination being billed under direct versus MAC.

- Lasa Baxter, clarified the difference between MAC and Direct Services.

Leanne Mixa Bettin: Expressed the difficulty in capturing everything that a provider can bill for per documentation and what TSPC licensed staff provides. Posed the question about what can be completed in the MAC system to help reduce duplication of services.

Discussion about mapping out MAC versus Direct Services and how to communicate the differences effectively.

Landon Braden: Within the MAC system there is the ability to veto the double claiming and can we use the system that is already in place? Asked about clarification on how reimbursement funds can be utilized.

- Lasa Baxter, clarified that they are trying to avoid that in this instance because of the common codes used for referral service which is care coordination services. These services are billable now and could potentially be billed under the direct service pathway along with the IPOC. More research needs to be completed.
- Lasa Baxter, answered how funds can be used such as hiring a Medicaid Coordinator.
- Chat discussion about the MAC Program bringing in a lot of Medicaid Reimbursement and to bring awareness to not disrupt that and that there are controls in place in the MAC system to not allow for duplication.

Stacy Michaelson: Is there a way to delineate or clarify referrals internally versus referrals outside the school setting. Follow-up and seeking clarification: under what rule would referrals become a Direct Service and not MAC?

- Lasa Baxter, the delineation for MAC is all inside and outside referrals are claimable as long as they are an OHP enrolled provider. What would be the best pathway for payment.

- Lasa Baxter, CMS guides that and coding with examples that if you are medically licensed or qualified and are direct to the services you provide, those are considered a direct service.

Stacy Michaelson: Shared information about Healthy Schools Learning collaborative and how Oregon should join to help navigate the space.

- Jennifer Dundon, shared that she participates in the monthly Peer to Peer calls and can bring questions to that space.
- Rusha Grinstead, thanked for the reminder to attend.

National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) Conference Debrief (30 minutes)

- Presentation from Attendee/s
- CMS Conversation Highlights (Jennifer Smith)

Leanne Mixa Bettin, Eryn Womack, Elsa Flores, Lisa Ledson, Sarah Foster, and Stacy Michaelson shared their NAME Conference Reflection Presentation:

Key takeaways:

Elsa Flores: Enjoyed hearing the passion from the presenters and participants.

Eryn Womack: It was nice to hear a parent perspective from Lisa Ledson and to see the work being played out in other states. How important it is to elevate the LEA voice.

Lisa Ledson: Inspired by Colorado's presentation and their collaborative approach. From a parents perspective, it was obvious to see the desire to move forward and remove barriers.

Leanne Mixa Bettin: Inspired by Colorado's Stakeholder Program and their collaborative approach between SDs and ESDs. Would like to see how this approach could work in Oregon.

Sarah Foster: SDs thrive when partnered with ESDs and essential for building resiliency and long term partnerships.

Stacy Michaelson: Seeing states who have been proactive in taking advances in updated federal guidance and applying to local level with their LEAs.

Leanne Mixa Bettin shared information about the Colorado Stakeholder Program.

Chat discussion about Colorado's stakeholder program pertaining to delivery of school nursing. Leanne Mixa Bettin offered to share Colorado's presentation if anyone was interested to send her their email address.

Jennifer Smith shared information about CMS highlights.

CMS Highlights Discussion:

Rusha Grinstead shared that at the NAME conference OHA and ODE had 1:1 meeting with CMS Technical team and US Dept of Ed rep and asked questions and who to connect with at CMS with additional technical assistance.

	<p>Leanne Mixa Bettin: Addressed the importance of having parent consent signed before evaluations are completed to be able to bill. Some districts are doing it during registration. Evaluations and assessments not resulting in an IPOC changes the data that is coming from the SIS to billing systems and conversations at the district levels are happening.</p> <p>Wendy Niskanen: Seeking clarification on how an agency would bill for an evaluation that does not lead to an IPOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Smith, there are three different specialties 1)EI/ECSE, 2)IDEA, 3) NON-IDEA and evaluations that do not lead to an IPOC will be billed under IDEA because they were evaluating for IDEA services. <p>Stacy Michaelson: If evaluations and assessments are different then screenings, does this still fall under the same rule issue where we need to allow for screening type procedures to be billed where an IPOC is not in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Smith, screenings are different from evaluations and assessments. Evaluations and assessments are currently allowed under the rules in place. Jennifer Dundon, it is articulated in the documentation requirements what is needed to bill for evaluations, it is not yet in the documentation requirements what is needed to bill for screenings.
<p>Q&A on Administrative Rule Update #1 (20 minutes) (Jennifer Smith)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview Guidance and resource needs 	<p>Did not discuss due to time.</p>
<p>Next Steps and Closing (5 minutes) (Shelby Parks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify action items and assign responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> chat monitor time keeper Next meeting is on January 27th, 2025 	<p>Shelby Parks shared the next steps and closing.</p> <p>Slides will be shared out with the meeting notes, SBEAR, and Charter Update.</p>