



York/Adams Drug & Alcohol Commission

Treatment Provider Working Group Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2023 Teams

**ADMINISTRATIVE TOPICS**

**1. DDAP updates**

**DISCUSSION**

Audrey, Joselin, and Lori provided DDAP updates.

- **DDAP Manual Changes-** Audrey reports that changes to the DDAP Manual are in various stages of completion and will be released and go into effect 7/1/23. Changes are all in relation to things we have been already discussed. Our contracts include language that changes to manuals are incorporated by reference as part of the Agreement.
- **ASAM Alignment Process-** Audrey informed everyone that it is our understanding that each MCO will send a pdf version of the Alignment Review Tool to the provider when they send out the visit notification letter. Expect this correspondence to come from MCO. There will be a review by your MCO in relation to your alignment to your levels of care in relation to ASAM. Know that each MCO may be engaging their SCA in the process. It will be an individual MCO/SCA determination.
- **Work Force /Staffing Ratios-** Audrey reported that DDAP is continuing to investigate issues affecting the field regarding work force and staffing issues. They have been conducting surveys and other feedback. Additionally looking at regulatory reforms and what this will look like. We will continue to seek out our stakeholder engagement in these discussions.
- **Unwinding of Public Health Emergency-** Audrey stated that we know that the unwinding of the Public Health Emergency will result in redeterminations of individual MA eligibility. It is difficult to predict the impact currently. It will be important for all the SCAs to monitor, and make sure funding is ok. So far, we have not seen an impact to our funding. Treatment for uninsured and underinsured remains a priority. DDAP will work with SCAs that experience increased need for treatment funds during the year.
- **Telehealth Waivers-** Audrey reported that in the upcoming manual revisions, there will be updates that allow level of care assessments via telehealth can occur without submitting a waiver. Providers would need to have policies and procedures in place for telehealth assessments at your agency.
- **PA WITS-** Audrey reported that DDAP is coming to the end of our contract extensions with FEI, the organization that has WITS. Commonwealth procurement guidelines require them to issue a new RFP so we're in the early stages of that process and new procurement. We are sensitive to the critical workforce shortage in our field; DDAP's goal is to reduce administrative burden and increase the amount of time practitioners are able to spend directly with patients. If there would be a new system, WITS would stay in place until second quarter of calendar year 2025. As the procurement progresses, additional information will be shared at PACDAA meetings.
  - **CPR Web-** In light of these changes, we would like to begin to implement our CPR web October 2023. That should give the providers plenty of time to begin to implement CPR Web before they have to learn yet another system. More information to come. CPR Web provides direct training with the providers.
- **Case Management Monitoring-** Joselin reports that In February last year, DDAP informed us they will begin to support us and our contracted providers in our continued case management efforts to serve clients efficiently, timely and utilizing best practices. They met with us to review our Case Management process and procedures. At that time, they informed us the next steps were to conduct onsite visits specific to case management services. April of this year, their efforts continued, as they came onsite for a full day to review and discuss case management services and work with us collaboratively on ways to continue to provide support and technical support to our case management services.

One area we fell short on was in relation to HEP C & HIV. If you were not already aware, DDAP updated the Case Management and Clinical Services manual in July 2021 to include details about the expectations related to communicable diseases. Some of you have updated your communicable diseases policies to reflect these changes already. Basically, the manual states that we must ensure any entity providing LOCA also provides viral Hepatitis and HIV education as well as services and/or referrals to testing, treatment, vaccination, and prevention services as appropriate. DDAP collaborated with the Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases and Bureau of Epidemiology to develop standards to address the need for education, testing, vaccination, and linkage to care for hepatitis services and thus have developed educational materials and in-person information sessions via the Dept of Health.

As there is new information and treatments for communicable diseases that may not have been reviewed in training that individuals took 10 years ago, DDAP is suggesting that everyone take these

trainings to be up to date with the new information. As we hear more about DDAP's initiatives related to communicable diseases, we will bring those updates forward to you.

We were informed by DDAP that these case management monitoring visits will continue to occur yearly and may occur at your facilities as well. To be fully prepared, those of you who provide case management services in house that we fund, please be sure that you are using WITS Recovery Plans to the fullest extent to meet the person's needs and that you are documenting all Case Management services/connections with or on behalf of individuals in WITS Encounter Notes to show your efforts to assist individuals in being successful in their recovery journey.

Please remember that the SCA assists with many resources that can also help your individual be successful in:

1. FREE NARCAN to individuals and/or family members.
2. FREE Bus Passes to help them supports their recovery efforts.
3. Housing Assistance
4. Funding for their treatment
5. Funding for their MAT

If there is ever a need that you need resources for, please reach out to us so that we can investigate and share resources we may be aware of to support individuals. Our goal is to ensure that all individuals who have identified needs be successful in getting connected to resources to meet those needs.

- **Staff Credentialing-** Lori reported that in April we forwarded DDAP correspondence regarding the need for Case Management Credentialing. Staff who are completing Level of Care Assessments or Continued Stay Reviews must be licensed, credentialed, or working towards licensing or credentialing. Working towards licensing or credentialing means staff hired after July 1, 2021, who do not hold a license or certification must document steps towards obtaining a license or certification. Our understanding is if you leave your current agency you will need to start the process over again. Each Case Management certification that you can get has its pros and cons and not just in relation to initial costs but continued costs etc. As part of DDAP's planning for these updates, they started the following steps on May 31; Reviewing the ASAM guidance documentation and expanding upon the section addressing the licensure or certification of counselors and case managers and Updating the Case Management Clinical Services Manual to include requirements regarding the licensure or certification of case managers and staff who complete level of care assessments and continued stay reviews. **SEE HANDOUT #1**

## 2. Opioid Settlement Updates

Audrey reported for York County the timeframe for having an application has closed. We are currently in the review phase of the Opioid Settlement. We will be coming together in July for formal review. To determine with entities will be receiving funding at that point. Phyllis Law, who YADAC contract with for PAYS and Assessment activities, has helped YADAC write an OPIOID Settlement Grant. The Intention of our grant is to promote deeper partnership with schools and promote evidence-based programs YADAC supports with Prevention Providers. The Grant would create a targeted partnership with school in York County. The grant would target one school at a time and build upon that within the 18 years of the Opioid Settlement money.

For Adams County still looking at priorities and funding allocation. We are having a meeting in bringing on the state and DDAP licensure, in order to look at Adams County Prison to hire their own workers.

## 3. Illegal Immigrants

Audrey indicated that the termination of an emergency immigration restriction known as Title 42 marks a major policy shift in how the U.S. processes migrants who reach the southern border, including those hoping to ask for asylum. Cited to expel hundreds of thousands of migrants on the grounds that their entry could contribute to the spread of coronavirus. Because it relied on the rule over three years, the U.S. expects to see a sharp increase in migrant arrivals now that Title 42 has ended. We haven't seen this materialize yet, and as a reminder we are able to fund all illegal immigrants. Please let Billie know if you have any individuals that you come across as we can use proper funding.

There are still questions from SCA as a whole and we will be raising these issues with DDAP as some SCAs don't have additional funding-DDAP funds to utilize for these populations like we do. PACPA is asking following questions.

1. What can we do legally, in the eyes of the governments that gives us the funds to manage?
2. What is politically the correct thing to do, in the eyes of the people who pay the taxes that provide the funding?
3. What is ethically and morally the correct thing to do, given that people are in need of these medically necessary services? Sometimes a life sustaining service.

## 4. GPRA

Lori reports that DDAP continues to state there is no update on when the new tool will be available in WITS. In the meantime, OP providers shall continue to consent and refer to York Assessment Center in WITS and IP providers shall continue to send the paper GPRAs to York Assessment Center and cc York Adams Drug and Alcohol Commission. York Assessment Center and York Adams Drug and Alcohol Commission are tracking all GPRAs to be sure we do not miss any during this transition. Provider Monitoring revealed that some providers still struggle with collecting and updating collateral contacts in the WITS profile for individuals. This information is vital for continued GPRA follow-up purposes and for completing Satisfaction Surveys. On June 26 from 2-4pm FEI will offer a provider training to provide overview of the new tool within PA WITS. DDAP will send the invite to everyone to reserve this date on calendars. The training will be recorded, and a link will

be made available on DDAP following the training.

## 5. MAT Updates

Audrey updated on the X Waiver and the Medicaid Waiver.

- **Medicaid Waiver-** There are new flexibilities in Medicaid coverage which would allow for reactivation of Medicaid at least 30 days prior to release (potentially up to 90 days) for incarcerated individuals. The Department of Human Services is exploring interest in this opportunity. The initial opportunity is for five-year period to test models for successful reentry. Reactivation Medicaid coverage while still incarcerated would allow for new federal funds to support services prior to release.
- **X Waiver-** The Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act was signed into law. It eliminates the requirement that healthcare providers possess a DEA X-waiver to prescribe buprenorphine and eliminates the number of patients provider can treat. Further a community health aide or community health practitioner may dispense certain narcotic drugs for maintenance or detoxification treatment without registering with the DEA if the drug is prescribed by a health care practitioner through telemedicine. All X-waiver requirements remain in place until HHS, SAMHSA, and/or the DEA issue further guidance.

## 6. Crisis Services

Audrey informed the group that effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, Wellspan Crisis Service has become the primary provider of crisis services including (telephone, mobile and walk-in) in York & Adams Counties and True North will no longer provide these services. As such, the previous telephone crisis line which was staffed by True North will no longer be operational. There is a handout in your packet that announces the change along with the new crisis phone number through Wellspan. As a reminder, Wellspan crisis support services are available 24/7. **SEE HANDOUT #2**

## INITIATIVES TOPIC

## DISCUSSION

### 1. Covid Funds

Lisa reported that in February, we reached out to see if anyone was interested in DDAP Covid 19 Funds made available to SCAs and contracted providers to support the mitigation of the pandemic. We heard back from some of you and as such applied and received \$30,000 for supplies for our program and for our contracted providers. We are in the process of ordering supplies and once the supplies come in, we will ensure supplies are distributed to you. One way to do this would be to ask providers to come to our office to pick up these items as there is a lot to distribute. Supplies include Stand up handwash stations with dispensers, cases of non-alcohol sanitizer refills for the stations, cases of medium and large gloves, cases of tissues, boxes of masks, boxes of Covid tests, cartons of sanitizing wipes and cartons of Lysol spray.

We were also just notified that there are additional funds available. Please reach out with any ideas of any additional items that you would like. Attaching document outlining areas that qualify for the Covid Mitigation Grant. **SEE HANDOUT #3**

### 2. Prison Updates

Audrey reported updates on York County and Lori provided an update on Adams County Prisons.

- **York County Prison-** We are now at the point where all staff have been hired for the York County Prison project through Wellspan which include Outpatient Clinical, Case Manager and a Certified Recovery Specialist. Received approval from DDAP for services at York County Prison and coordinating eligibility criteria and then will start training.
- **Adams County Prison-** We are currently providing Level of Care Assessments to anyone incarcerated at Adams County Prison. Referrals are coming from probation and YADAC staff are completing the assessments. Adams County Prison is looking at getting licensees to be able to hire their own staff to complete the assessments. We will provide support during the transition. More updates to come.

### 3. NARCAN

Sarah reports that Narcan is still available for your organization and staff. We are offering trainings in person and virtually. Summertime is a great time to complete training. Please reach out to Sarah Lehman is interested. Trainings are brief and can be incorporated in a staff meeting.

### 4. Hospitality Initiative

Sarah reminded that the Hospitality Initiative was an effort to reach out to hotels and motels to provide them with Narcan and Narcan training. We will continue to work to provide outreach. We have extended that outreach to restaurants and have started in downtown area.

### 5. Xylazine

Sarah reported that Xylazine is an animal tranquilizer and a non-opioid drug. It is being cut into different substances. Philadelphia has the highest rate of substances being cut with Xylazine. There have been some reported deaths reported in York County. In 2021 there were 6 overdoses related to Xylazine. So far as of April 2023 there have been 5 overdose deaths related to Xylazine and Fentanyl. Side effects of xylazine is Can cause major ulcers, that look like large open wounds. It is impacting people's need to move forward with recovery, as they need to have the wounds treated first.

Audrey added that Brittany Shutz with the York Opioid Collaborative has her next meeting public Health and safely Team meeting is the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. We will be focusing on Xylazine for entire meeting. There will be an ER Doctor to give information and then to brainstorm what we need to do in our communities. Reach out to Brittany if you are

not involved in those meetings and would like to be.

#### **6. Problem Gambling**

Sarah reports that we are taking time to provide some Problem Gambling Programs in York and Adams County. We are focusing on Veteran's and Middle School Youth. We have a specific evidence-based curriculum that we are sharing during the summer months. If you have an interest in learning more, please reach out to Sarah Lehman. [silehman@yorkcountypa.gov](mailto:silehman@yorkcountypa.gov).

#### **7. Integrated Practice Team (IPT)**

Joselin reports that an additional resource is the Integrated Practice Team meetings (IPT meetings), are held by the Children's Home of York. Various entities are invited to participate based on the needs of the family. The purpose is to create actions steps that will support the child and family to be successful, as well as get the family connected to other agencies in one meeting. As long as there is a child or children involved an IPT meeting can be held via zoom. There does not have to be Children and Youth involvement. These meeting would be a good way to assist clients who are facing issues beyond Drug and Alcohol scope. Questions or need help getting connected to Children's Home of York please reach out to Joselin Hernandez- Gutierrez.

### **TRAINING/EVENTS**

#### **1. PAYS Presentation**

Sarah explained that the Pennsylvania Youth Survey takes place to 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and occurs every 2 years. This fall is a new survey for 2023 and will be offered to students. It is voluntary for schools to participate. It shares youths' experiences related to substance abuse and mental health issues. This survey has been occurring for more than 30 years. Report is listed on the PA Youth Survey site. We offered presentation to the community to free to elevate their knowledge about the youth survey. We will continue to work with the PA Youth Survey team to bring more education and more workshops. Goal is to learn what youth are experiencing in our county. We had three presentations offered to the community that presented the results of those surveys by Phyllis Law. We are working with IT to have those presentations on our website this summer.

#### **2. Tipping the Pain Scale**

Sarah reports that the next viewing of Tipping the Pain Scale will be on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Majestic Theater in Gettysburg, 5:30-8:30 PM. This is a documentary with experts that share information. Adams County Overdose Task Force is providing the program. These viewings are free. **SEE HANDOUT #4**

Question from Becky at JFT? What type of participation is these sessions getting? Is the general community interested or is it tending to be mostly providers? Sarah went on to explain that it's a mix. We have even seen family members who want to attend to know more. Discusses the issues with additions and then shares people's contributions to provide opportunities and solutions to addictions and substance use in the community.

#### **3. Confidentiality**

Audrey reports that DDAP has updated the online training module to reflect the changes resulting from Act 33 in July of 2022. The online module provides the consistent training to all practitioners. Additionally, DDAP will offer confidentiality training online and in person during the next fiscal year. They are also looking to develop a supplemental training like old Practical Application to Confidentiality component to the already available online training which will address how DDAP will be monitoring SCAs and Providers. DDAP plans to undertake regulatory reform which will include the need to change regulations that are no longer enforced as a result of Act 33. As trainings are developed we will pass on to you.

#### **4. ASAM Training**

Lisa reports that YASDAC's ASAM training subscription has expired on May 5, 2023. We are not currently planning on renewing the subscription. For those that have registered for the training but have not yet completed the trainings, you will not be able to complete them under the subsection.

#### **5. Rabbit transit**

Joselin made everyone aware that Rabbit transit will be connecting with Billie upon her return from vacation to focus on a date and time for a Virtual training on how to utilize the rides, etc. We will be opening the invitation to all our contracted providers who may be interested. Stay tuned for the update in the next couple weeks.

#### **6. September Recovery Month**

Sarah reports that September is National Recovery month. September 9, 2023, Not One More is hosting a 5K. Recovery Day 2023 at Wellspan Park- Home of the York Revolution is September 17, 2023 at 1:00 pm.

JFT is also hosting a block party in September.

Becky with JFT shared the JFT is hosting a block party to kick off the September Festivities of Recovery month. The event will be on September 2<sup>nd</sup> with bands all day, food and vendors. JFT has a permit to shut down the street beside the building.

### **Roundtable with Provider Update**

Pyramid- Anastasia Howard asked for clarification regarding the trainings for LOCAs. Do you want every case manager to have that training completed for our position or is it on a case-by-case basis?

Audrey explained that the only reason a case manager would need the training for certification is that if they are doing Level of Care Assessments. It is more for clinical staff who are doing LOCAs and redetermination. It's for ours at SCA who are doing LOCs.

York County Probation D&A Assessor- Heather Lape asking if it mentioned a specific hire date for the certifications?

Lori's response was after July 1, 2021. YADAC office will be credentialing all staff if we can.

JFT- Becky Lockner asked for any feedback on the transportation initiative and how it is going with making bus passes available? Found it incredibly helpful at JFT, but looking to see how it is used in rest of county and perspective on how many bus passes are being given out?

Pyramid- Anastasia Howard said that they have been incredibly helpful, especially to clients with mental and physical disabilities. Clients are grateful. They have run into some issues with riders and drivers but have been able to work them out. Usually Order about 45-60 a month. Currently have about 485 clients. Still order one day passes, for guests that come in to make sure they can get there prior to becoming a client.

Jen Tichy with Hanover Treatment Services reports that they have open IOP for individuals that don't need MAT. They have 8 spaces available. Right now, 4 days a week 10:30-12:45 and then individual session with primary counselor.

White Deer Run Outpatient- Tenisha Burke states bus passes are essential for the program. Helping clients that are stepping down, and for clients don't know get to know on another level. Great project and would like to see it continue.

Audrey reminded that can open as far as need to; even for appointments not related to treatment. Even if it is for groceries or to the doctors. Please take full advantage of program.

JFT- Becky Lockner said that they are going through in mass quantities. They are trying to track what they are being used for and mindful of who is getting them.

Audrey said that we would like to support everyone's recovery process, and not limit any of that. Use the options to its fullest capacity and ask for the passes that you need.

Colonial House Inpatient –Kirstin Einsig reports Colonial House has officially changed capacity from 24 to 45. Thank you to everyone that attended open house. Current availability for males that need residential treatment.

Pyramid- Anastacia Howard reports that they have a Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) hired onsite. Derek Singleton is able to go out and assist client with appointments and provide an understanding of what they are going through.

White Deer Run- Tenisha Burke reports that PHP program at White Deer Run are acquiring another residential home as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Looking at 10 beds availability for males.

### **Information from the Chat**

Brittany Shutz with York Opioid Collaborative left contact information as [bshutz@yorkopiodcollaborative.org](mailto:bshutz@yorkopiodcollaborative.org).

Michael Maletz with Gaudenzia reports bus passes have been helpful with medical appointments, job searches, etc.

Question from Madison Berchtold from PA Counseling Service on what organization has the IOP openings? Hanover Treatment Service.

## **YADAC TREATMENT PROVIDER WORKING GROUP MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST**

Amanda Bair-Pyramid/Rehab After Work	Amy Conrad
Anastacia Howard- Pyramid	Brittany Shutz- York Opioid Collaboration
Carla Colflesh-White Deer Run	Amy Chidester-York County Probation
Cory Erhard-Family First Health	Dale Schell-Colonial House
Destacia Schell-White Deer Run	Jesse Dzubak-Wellsprn START
Fern Wilcox-Daystar	Katie Gladfelter-Watts YADAC
Audrey Gladfelter-YADAC	Jazmune Monroe-Pyramid York Pharmacotherapy

Jennifer Tichy-Hanover Treatment Services	Cora Jensen-YADAC
Jessica Kostic-Pyramid/Rehab After Work	Josh Talarico-Pyramid York Pharmacotherapy
Keisha Berry-Clinical Supervisor with Open Arms Recovery	Kelly Gearty- White Deer Run York
Josh Lindsey, WellSpan Philhaven	Becky Lockner JFT Recovery and Veterans Center
Patti Brader, Firetree, Ltd.	Kirstin Einsig-Colonial House
Heather Krepps-YC APO	Matt Lakata- YADAC
Heather Lape York County Probation D&A assessor	Margaret Eckles-Ray WDR York Assessment Center
Sarah Lehman- YADAC	Lindsey Paisley-Pyramid
Scott Kemper TrueNorth Wellness Services	Loren Gifford-White Deet Run
Madison Berchtold- PCS	Lori Smith – YADAC
Joselin Hernandez-Gutierrez-YADAC	Vince Reed - YADAC
Matt Null-Roxbury	Michael Maletz for Authorine Shaw-Gaudenzia
Dakota Nace-YADAC	David Fry-YADAC
David Quickel - YADAC	Greg Mickens-CHOP York
Havannah Suarez-YADAC	Santaisha Smith-FHCCP
Tenisha Burke-White Deer Run	Lisa Case-YADAC
Sierra Mamay-Treatment Trends	Shannon Cogdell-Gatehouse
Val Alwine- Colonial House	

**Next Treatment Provider Working Group Meeting: September 6, 2023**