



WCCMH Quarterly Provider Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2024
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM, Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes: Delissa Weston

AGENDA ITEM	Presenter	Discussion Points
I. State and Local Updates	Mike Harding, WCCMH Deputy Director	- The CCBHC program has added new sites and hired new staff for technical assistance. - Health Plan Rebid is moving forward. - MDHHS is aware that the number of Medicaid-eligible participants are declining. WCCMH is partnering with Washtenaw Health Plan (WHP) to monitor individuals who lost Medicaid to help them re-enroll. - Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) Providers are looking to expand bed stays. - WCCMH/PIHP finalized their financial deficit for 2015-2018.
II. Medication Administration Training Update	Brandie Hagaman	- The Medication Administration Training materials are online for staff to review before testing. - Training classes are offered two times a month for additional help. - The training class dates and times are posted on the WCCMH website at https://www.washtenaw.org/2421/Training-information
III. Recipient Rights Updates	Sarah Smith	Recipient Rights Officer, Sarah Smith, is leaving the Rights office to pursue a new career opportunity. We will miss you, Sarah!

		Sarah Starkey is a new addition to the Recipient Rights Office. Sarah Starkey has worked in various positions within WCCMH and has been with WCCMH for many years. Welcome, Sarah!
IV. LearnWorlds Training Platform	Sara Hungerford	- Most trainings in the LearnWorld training platform have quizzes and attestations to mark the completion of your trainings. - When a training is completed in LearnWorld, it does not notify WCCMH or automatically send your certificate/attestation to WCCMH, so it's important that staff print out their certificate or screenshot it and give it to the manager who is responsible for monitoring staff trainings. - If assistance is needed with accessing LearnWorlds, please reach out to Sara Hungerford at hungerfords@washtenaw.org or Delissa Weston at westond@washtenaw.org.
V. Funding/Regulatory Updates Related to Direct Care Services Michigan Assisted Living Association (MALA)	Bob Stein, Michigan Assisted Living Association (MALA)	- The following two proposals will not be included in Bill #4841 for AFC homes: (1) The requirement for an LPN to be hired by every AFC licensee with the availability to be on duty 24 hours a day for five days a week and (2) staffing a social worker with availability to provide services to each person in a license setting for a minimum of one hour per week. - MALA is continuing to push for increased funding for direct care staff wages and administrative efficiencies. - MALA is making the following recommendations: - A workgroup to work on meaningful uniformity in the contractual standards that all providers must meet (administrative efficiencies).

		- Reinstating the service code H0043 (CLS Per Diem Code) (currently, the only service code to report unlicensed CLS is H2015- 15-minute code). - Recommending a single Medicaid funding source for Community Living Support (CLS) services and Adult Home Help (AHH) services. • The EVV (Electronic Visit Verification) requirement does not apply to licensed residential settings and vocational services. <i>*The outline for Bob Stein's presentation is attached.</i>
VI. Something Positive	• All	• The provider, Life Enrichment Academy, has moved into their new location.
VII. Next Meeting	April 16, 2024, 10:00am–12:00pm	Future agenda items: • None suggested.

- **Funding/Regulatory Updates Related to Direct Care Services**
 - Washtenaw Community Mental Health Provider Meeting – January 16th, 2024
 - Presenter: Bob Stein, General Counsel, Michigan Assisted Living Association (MALA)
1. **Michigan Legislature** has returned for the second year of the 102nd legislative session.
 2. **HB 4841 – Background and Update**
 - A. Introduced on June 22, 2023 and referred to the House Families, Children and Seniors Committee. Rep. Stephanie Young is the bill's sponsor.
 - B. HB 4841 proposes amendments to the Adult Foster Care (AFC) Facility Licensing Act.
 - C. Rep. Young has established a workgroup for HB 4841 which has held two meetings to date. MALA is participating in the workgroup.
 - D. MALA expects the proposed LPN and social worker requirements to be removed in the substitute version of HB 4841.
 - E. From MALA's perspective, several issues still need to be resolved including the proposed revisions to the licensing complaint procedure and a proposal for a system of fines for licensing violations.
 3. **State Budget Update**
 - A. Governor's State of the State Address to be presented on January 24, 2024.
 - B. Governor's Executive Budget recommendations for the fiscal year starting October 1, 2024 (FY 25) will be released in February.
 - C. Appropriations hearings will follow with the Michigan Legislature expected to conclude the FY 25 budget process by July 1, 2024.
 4. **MALA FY 25 Priorities for the MDHHS Budget**
 - A. Maintain vigorous advocacy with the Whitmer Administration and Michigan Legislature for additional funding to increase staff wages.
 - B. Focus with MDHHS and key state legislators on establishing administrative efficiencies in the public mental health system.
 5. **Update on Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Requirements**
 - A. Latest projection on launch date.
 - B. The EVV requirements do not apply to licensed residential settings or vocational services.
 - C. MALA has been communicating with MDHHS regarding the complexities of implementing the EVV requirements for non-licensed residential settings.