QUALITY IMPROVEMENT WORK PLAN FY23-24 – EVALUATION



County of Santa Cruz Integrative Behavioral Health Services Mental Health Plan and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System

PURPOSE

Santa Cruz County Behavioral Health Services (SCCBHS) Quality Management Program: Santa Cruz County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) in an integrative service delivery model in which leadership and staff value operational excellence and sustainable quality of care.

The purpose of the QM plan's activities includes, but is not limited to:

- Ensuring that beneficiaries have timely access to appropriate and quality services which are authorized in a timely manner and meet network adequacy standards;
- Promoting evidence-based practices and monitoring the effectiveness of treatment;
- Ensuring coordination of appropriate care;
- Including beneficiary involvement through monitoring beneficiary satisfaction and review of beneficiary grievances, appeals and requests to change treatment staff;
- Ensuring compliance with documentation standards;
- Review and improve Behavioral Health's utilization management systems, include prevention of fraud, waste and abuse;
- Monitoring Performance Improvement Projects for BH;
- Ensure on-going development of BH workforce, including staff credentialing.

BH Quality Management (QM) program is responsible for monitoring the MHP's and DMC-ODS' effectiveness and for providing support to all areas of MHP/DMC-ODS operations by conducting performance monitoring activities.

The QM program's activities are guided by the relevant sections of federal and state regulations, including the Code of Federal Regulations Title 42, California Code of Regulations Title 9, California Welfare and Institutions Code, as well as DHCS' relevant MHP/DMC-ODS agreement requirements and performance measures. These QM activities are performed by Quality Improvement team in partnership with MHP and/or DMC-ODS departments to ensure compliance and promote department and BH agency quality improvement initiatives.

Quality Improvement Work Plan: The intent of the Quality Improvement (QI) Work Plan is to ensure data relevant to the performance of the MHP/DMC-ODS is available in an easy interpretable and actionable form. Elements of the Plan are informed by quality improvement requirements of the MHP/DMC-ODS performance contract, and feedback from the CalEQRO, DHCS MHP/DMC-ODS audit findings & recommendations, and Quality Improvement Committee.

The QI Work Plan goals are <u>specific</u>, <u>measurable</u>, <u>achievable</u>, <u>relevant</u> and <u>time-bound</u> (SMART) and focus on service and operational improvement initiatives that align with our core <u>trauma-informed guiding principles</u>, Health Service Agency (HSA) <u>values</u> and BH staff surveyed value priorities.

Inclusion & Engagement	Cultural humility & responsiveness • Human connection and relationship • Universal dignity, respect, kindness, and compassion • Offerings of support and gratitude • Transparency and collective communication • Timely accessibility • Inclusion of client voice/choice • Dependability
Operational Excellence & Service Stewardship	Excellent effective care and customer service delivery Adaptability Ethics Responsibility Accountability Innovation Utilize outcomes to improve care, support program decisions and share with other healthcare providers and the greater community.
Targeted Treatment & Evidence- Based Services	Trauma-informed care • Individualized "Voice & Choice" care • Targeted Health • Clinical quality & fidelity to EB practices • Utilize data outcome to inform decisions • Workforce Training
Equity & Sustainability	Promote resiliency and recovery (personal/social/environmental/economic) Collective impact • Equity for All • Justice • Integrity • Collaboration • Holding hope & Eliminating stigma • Positivity • Capacity building
Safety	For all who provide and receive services from SCCBHS, including staff, clients, contractors, partners, stakeholders, and our community at large. Safety includes physical, emotional and self-care when at county facilities, remote work setting and/or in community

Behavioral Health Values & Core Guiding Principles

WORK PLAN GOAL CATEGORIES

- 1. Access to 24/7 Services (Timeliness, Crisis Services, Authorization, Network Adequacy)
- 2. Evidence Based Practices / Effectiveness of Services
- 3. Coordination of Care
- 4. Beneficiary Satisfaction & Involvement
- 5. Documentation Standards Compliance
- 6. Quality Improvement
- 7. Workforce Development

GOALS

Category #1: Access to 24/7 services (Timeliness, Authorization, Network Adequacy)

Goal / Requirement	Plan	Goal Sponsor	Action Steps	Measurement
1.1: Medi-Cal beneficiaries who request BH services from the MHP during FY 23- 24 will be screened utilizing the	MHP	Adult & Children's MH Access Teams	 Update & ensure Avatar reports track Work Plan Goal activity. 	Tracking distribution of referrals.
Screening Tool. 90% will be referred to the MHP, MCP and/or DMC-ODS (SUD) for assessment.			 QI to implement County BH MHP quarterly 	Data source: AVATAR Screening Tool Outcomes Report
Requirement: BH MHP Contract & CaIAIM (Also aligns with BH Strategic Plan Goal #3)			monitoring and reporting for FY 23-24.	

Review Findings: 🛛 Met 🗆 Partially Met / Further work 🗆 Not Met

FY 23-24 Data: Screening Tool Outcome

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Adult & Youth Screening Tool referred to MCP	43%	41%	47%	38%
Adult & Youth Screening Tool referred to MHP (internal referral)	53%	56%	50%	56%
Adults & Youth already being served (no referral needed)	4%	3%	3%	5%
Total % referred	100%	100%	100%	100%

referral tracking system the screening tool of	ed-loop multi-agency stem when outcome of	MHP & DMC- ODS	MHP & DMC-ODS Clinical Teams		County BH will work with SCHIO and community partners to develop a closed-loop referral tracking system by Jun 30, 2024.	Tracking referrals through Unite Us	
Requirement: Cal. (Also aligns with Strate							
	⊠ Met □ Partially Met						
Quarter 1 Report	FUM); Unite Us staff enr	ollment /					
Quarter 2 Report	Quarter 2 Report Initial use of Unite Us is underway; QI team receiving training for data pulls; begin engagement with Carelon (MCP) to gather their participation with Unite Us						
Quarter 3 Report							
Quarter 4 Report	MCP will not participate	in Unite heet to tr	Us, minimal use by County B ack closed loop referrals. Alth				
who seek mental h administered, Youth indicates SMHS as MHP & Contract Pa an assessment app business days.	sessment) from the artners will be offered	MHP	Children's BH	*	Identify Children's BH Gate leads to monitor outcomes Update Avatar reports to connect screening outcomes to first offered appointments/ services	Data Sources: SRDL Timeliness Report & Screening Outcomes Report	
Review Findings: FY 23-24 Da	□ Met ⊠ Partially Met Ita:	/ Furth	er work 🗆 Not Met				

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Fiscal Year average
% of youth offered assessment w/in 10 business days:	73%	81%	76%	73%	76%

 1.4: MHP & DMC-ODS staff will be able to define what qualifies as an Urgent service. Urgent service requests will be tracked in the Service Request & Disposition (SRDL) to ensure individuals needing Urgent access to treatment are served within network adequacy requirements. Requirement: BH MHP & DMC-ODS contract & CCR Title 9 § 1810.440 & 42 CFR § 438.68 	MHP & DMC- ODS	QI & all Clinic	al Teams		QI will re-train pr on Network Adeo Standards Publish an Urger Definition and wo (No Auth and Pri	quacy nt orkflow	Measure: Timeline Urgent Requests Data source: Train Pre & Post Tests; SRDL			
Review Findings: 🗆 Met 🗆 Partially Met	/ Furthe	er work 🛛 No	t Met							
The QI Team / Clinical Leads were not a	ble to de	evote time to	this goal in	FY	23-24.					
 1.5: The Plan will monitor success of 24/7 crisis / access 800# to ensure callers receive information regarding access to services, and that callers are served in their preferred language. 75% of After-Hours test calls will be recorded appropriately (name, date, & disposition) A minimum of 20% of test calls will be completed in Spanish Requirement: BH MHP & DMC-ODS contract 	MHP & DMC- ODS	BH Quality Improvement Contract Part Community Connections		*	Conduct test cal (English & Span business hours / hours). Track performan After-Hours cont partner will provi with their interna analysis x2/mon QI will review.	ish; ˈafter- ce ract de QI I QA	Data source: DHC 800# test call repo DMC-ODS trackin report	ort &		
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% After-Hours tests calls recorded app	ropriate	ly: 810	% 72	2%	77%	88	3% 79.5%			

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Review Findings: ⊠ Met □ Partially Met / Further work □ Not Met FY 23-24 Data:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Fiscal Year average	
% of test calls completed in Spanish:	35%	31%	33%	18%	29%	

Category #2: Evidence Based Practices / Effectiveness of Services

Pla	n Goal S	Sponsor	Action	Steps	Measurement
MH	Teams 8				Data Source: AVATAR Transition Tool Outcome Report
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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Fiscal Year average
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ODS	S Teams, a	all LOC	offered to al	DMS-ODS	showing the EBP usage
			staff annuall	у.	
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Category #3: Coordination of Care

Goal / Requirement	Plan	Goal Sponsor	Action Steps	Measurement			
 3.1: BH will liaise at least quarterly with HSD Family & Children's Services (FCS) Nurse to obtain metabolic monitoring data for foster care youth who are prescribed antipsychotic medication by the MHP. DHCS Requirement: EQRO / HEDIS measure tracking 	MHP	Children's BH	 Identify Children's BH staff liaison Quarterly meetings with FCS Creation of tracking log 	Data source: tracking log			
Review Findings: Met Partially Met / Fi	urther v	vork 🛛 Not Met					
Quarter 1 Report QI is working with Children's	MH Ma	nagement to develop a	plan & tracking source.				
Quarter 2 Report Children's MH have quarterly meetings with FCS colleagues.							
Quarter 3 Report Determined the staff roles are complex in monitoring and tracking this data. Quarterly meeting did not occur.							
Quarter 4 Report Goal will be continued on QI Work Plan in FY 2024-2025							
3.2: Beneficiaries with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) will increase their length of continuous treatment in an OUD program.	DMC- ODS	DMC-ODS / Janus of Santa Cruz	 Coordinate with POD workgroup 	Data source: POD Workgroup data			
DHCS Requirement: BH DMC-ODS contract / PIPs)							
Review Findings: 🛛 Met 🗆 Partially Met / F	urther v	vork 🗆 Not Met					
Quarter 1 Report Background / problem stater	ment / ov	verview of the PIP share	ed with QIC.				
Quarter 2 Report Santa Cruz County rates for successful on-going pharmacotherapy for OUD = less than the State average. Overall treatment episodes for OUD increased yearly. Goal = increase care coord for clients with OUD diagnosis.							
			tion due to staff turnover at Janus				
Quarter 4 Report Work to embed the Needs A SUD Stakeholder group to n			alth Record for sustainability of th not) of this PIP	e project			

Category #4: Beneficiary Satisfaction & Involvement

requests to change treatment providers, grievances, appeals and fair hearings in accordance with the Managed Care Program Annual Report (MCPAR) requirements. & DMC- DDS provider form to collect specific data on reasons for change in provider requests. > Implement data tracking (BHET database) method to track & analyze reasons for provider requests. Database 00% of change in provider requests will be resolved within 30 days. DHCS Requirement: BH MHP & DMC-ODS contracts & CCR Title 9 § 1810.440 Not Met requests. > Implement data tracking (BHET database) method to track & analyze reasons for provider requests. Detabase Review Findings: ⊠ Met □ Partially Met / Further work □ Not Met FY 23-24 Data: Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Fiscal Year average % of requests resolved in 30 days: 0 88% 71% 75% 88% 80.5% 4.2: BH will identify one (1) operational improvement each, for MHP & DMC-ODS, based on consumer feedback from annual consumer feedback from annual strategies based on the identified MHP & DMC-ODS, DMC-ODS	Goal / Requirement	Plan	Goal S	Sponsor		Action S	Steps	Measurement
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Review Findings: 🗆 Met 🗆 Partially Met / Further work 🖾 Not Met								
Quarter 1 Report A review of 2023 survey comments for MHP & 2022 survey comments / information for DMC-ODS was shared.								
Quarter 2 Report Additional details of MHP 2023 survey shared; DMC-ODS 2023 survey was conducted and information shared.		23 surve	y shared; I	DMC-ODS 20	023	survey was co	nducted and ir	formation shared.
Quarter 3 Report Information about MHP 2024 survey shared; DMC-ODS improvement recommendations and flyer shared.	Quarter 3 Report Information about MHP 2024	survey	shared; DN	/IC-ODS imp	rove	ement recomm	endations and	flyer shared.
Quarter 4 Report Data regarding 2024 MHP surveys collected was shared; Information about DMC-ODS 2024 survey shared.	Quarter 4 Report Data regarding 2024 MHP su	urveys co	ollected wa	is shared; Inf	orm	ation about DN	/IC-ODS 2024	survey shared.

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Due to exceptional & on-going demands on the QI team, the team was unable to go more in-depth on this goal.

Category #5: Documentation Standards Compliance

Goal / Requirement	Plan	Goal Sponsor	Action Steps	Measurement
 5.1: BH will monitor CalAIM documentation reform compliance in monthly UR meetings which will meet the DHCS contract requirements, including client involvement in their care. 90% of MHP clients that require a care plan will have a care plan completed in their chart. 90% of DMC-ODS clients will have documented medical necessity for care coordination. 	MHP & DMC- ODS	BH Quality Improvement	 Conduct monthly UR meetings for Children's MH, Adult MH & DMC- ODS at least 10x/year to review documentation. Track care plan completion & documentation of medical necessity for care coordination in log 	Data source: Tracking log
DHCS Requirement: CalAIM & CCR Title 9 § 1810.440				

QI team was unable to come up with a reliable method to track the % of care plans completed (MHP) and medical necessity progress notes (DMC-ODS), thus the team reported out on documentation trainings and support provided to the Plans during the fiscal year.

Review Findings: Met Met Partially Met / Further work Not Met

Quarter 1 Report	Quarter 1 Report Report out on new progress note template for TCM Care Plan (MHP).							
Quarter 2 Report	ort Spot check of DMC charts demonstrated 77% of the time a medical necessity progress note was in charts and fo MHP							
	67% of the time TCM Care F	lan progi	ress notes were in the	chart				
	SUBG care plan template als	so create	d for DMC-ODS.					
Quarter 3 Report	Quarter 3 Report Report out on progress note timeliness which demonstrated SUD / MHP in compliance with new progress note							
	timeliness of 3 days and crisis team in compliance with 24 hour progress note timeliness for the providers who included							
	service start time in their progress notes.							
Quarter 4 Report	Quarter 4 Report Report out on QI documentation trainings and improvements accomplished in FY 23-24							
5 2. BH will implem	ent a documentation	MHP	BH Quality	Creation of work group &	Data source:			
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training structure that allows quality & Improvement conducting regularly Workgroup meetir					Workgroup meeting			

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improvement staff to work collaboratively with clinical supervisors to ensure all staff receive training, guidance and supervision regarding existing and new documentation & reporting requirements, including the CalAIM initiative (BHIN Implementation Project). DHCS Requirement: CalAIM		DMC- ODS		*	scheduled meetings / follow-up work QI team to learn Relias skillset	agendas / minutes; Training Dates, Training Attendance Records in Relias			
DHCS Requirement									
Review Findings: 🛛 Met 🗆 Partially Met / Further work 🖾 Not Met									
Quarter 1 Report	PSC project is to review and potentially implement CalAIM assessment form, including training needs and timelines.								
Quarter 2 Report	Continued PSC work on CalAIM assessment includes pilot of form and timelines recommendations to sr. leadership								
Quarter 3 Report	ort PSC / QI working on training for CalAIM assessment form to go live with all MH programs.								
Quarter 4 Report									

Category #6: Quality Improvement

Goal / Requirement	Plan	Goal Sponsor	Action Steps	Measurement			
6.1: BH will meet the annual criteria for Performance Improvement Projects, one clinical and one non-clinical for each Plan, as well as PIPs that track DHCS required reporting measures (Follow-Up after	MHP & DMC- ODS	BH Quality Improvement & BH Clinical Teams	 Coordination with PIP workgroups 	Data Source: PIP workgroup reports & BHQIP reports			
Hospitalization measures & Opioid Treatment measures). DHCS Requirement: BH MHP & DMC-ODS contracts							
Review Findings: 🛛 Met 🗆 Partially Met / Further work 🗆 Not Met							
MHP & DMC-ODS consistently has had 4 active PIPs. Santa Cruz BH works with a consultant firm who supports with PIPs. The PIPs were reported out on regularly at the QIC meetings.							

Category #7: Workforce Development

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 Review Findings: □ Met □ Partially Met / Further work ⊠ Not Met BH leadership was unable to devote time to this goal this year. BH Director met with HSA leadership who consolidated / updated the agency Strategic Plan goals. <u>Updated consolidated HSA objectives</u>: By June 2025, HSA will identify and define key equity-focused and behaviorally-based performance indicators for leadership and staff. By June 2025, HSA will develop a baseline assessment method of the equity-focused performance indicators to inform the HSA training plan needs. 										
BH Supervisors, Managers & Directors	to CL sta	Supervisors of all levels to require completion of CLAS hours and ensure staff have work hours to complete the training.		Data source: Relias report showing the staff CLAS hour completion rates						
contracts Review Findings: ⊠ Met □ Partially Met / Further work □ Not Met FY 23-24 Data:										
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Fiscal Year average						
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