

Regional Advisory Committee Meeting 6/17/13

Mid Hudson Psychiatric Center Breakout Questions

1. As we think about making peer services eligible for Medicaid funding, what concerns and suggestions do we need to consider?
 - How much will the co-pay be
 - Will Medicaid pay the whole hospital bill
 - Our treatment not being provided to full capability

2. If peer services are funded by Medicaid, how can we make documentation more peer friendly?
 - Include courses in documentation skills in the credentialing criteria.
 - How available will the documentation be to the patient upon request
 - Making the peer (patient) an equal partner in the documentation
 - When we use our Medicaid card we should be sent an itemized receipt for the bill

3. How do we insure that peer programs can take advantage of insurance funding like Medicaid?
 - Standards of practice, ethical principles, accountability, checks and balances, programmatic reviews similar to other funded programs.
 - Technical assistance, board training etc to bring peer programs up to standards qualifying for insurance payment
 - Assure them the same liberty to do what they do best

4. If you had a magic wand and could make Medicaid peer friendly what would you do?
 - Make peer services autonomous from the need for Medicaid funding and fund peer services as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans With Disabilities Act.
 - Pay for all meds, no co-payment, pay for housing and transportation
 - Make sure that I'm being funded properly and when so, bring the proper service to the consumer

5. Any other issues or concerns?
 - Will all meds be available
 - How much say will the insurance company have in the treatment of the consumer

- What do we do if Medicaid doesn't pay for all the medications