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Knowledge Network Update
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Technical Modification:

Goal #1: Implement an automatic alert for consumer possible re-hospitalization and harm reduction in the EMR.

Deliverable: Combine MCHD's Harm Reduction Work Group with MHCD's Hospitalization Prevention Work Group to develop and streamline assessment tools and identifying risks that will trigger an automatic alert. The alert will be sent to every staff on that consumer's treatment team, letting them know that the consumer is at risk for re-hospitalization, suicide, or harm to others and that intervention maybe needed.

Progress: The two work groups have been combined and the group is working to identify the assessments and risk factors needed. The group continues to meet monthly. The actual programming in the EMR will be done once the committee establishes the factors. Membership in this work group has increased and now includes more representation from adult clinical services. Such support and guidance from these members will greatly aid in identifying risk factors and implementation.

Clinical Modification:

Goal #1: Continual education and support for new prescribers.

Deliverable: All medical staff will continue to meet monthly for poly-pharmacy education and case review.

Progress: Monthly meetings continue with valuable discussion and presentations to the majority of MHCD medical staff.

Clinical Modification:

Goal #2: Improved outcome monitoring for risk factors regarding suicidal and dangerous behavior and re-hospitalization.



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CEO REPORT

Deliverable: Once the automatic alert process is operational in MHCD's EMR, MHCD will be able to track how many consumers the system produced "alerts" on with dx of psychosis. We can then produce outcome reports to evaluate if Clozapine was prescribed. If Clozapine was not prescribed, the consumer's case would then be considered for review at monthly poly-pharmacy medical staff meeting.

Legislative/Advocacy:

Progress: MHCD continues to coordinate our national legislative efforts with The National Council and Knowledge Network regarding the Affordable Care Act and the Health Information Technology Act.

Data Sharing

Progress: MHCD has now entered into a Data Use Agreement with Knowledge Network to share data between centers involved in Knowledge Network. MHCD has successfully shared data once with Knowledge Network by sending de-identified consumer information to Centerstone Research Institute. MHCD's new Director of Research and Development, Dr. Wes Williams, is now consulting with Centerstone Research Institute to establish an automatic data sharing process. Such sharing of information is essential for joint research projects with Knowledge Network.