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Hello!

Welcome to the *ODM 2022 Periodical*, previously called the *ODM Managed Care Procurement Periodical*, a short periodic update on the progress of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) strategic initiatives.

You are receiving this newsletter because you have requested to receive periodic updates about ODM's strategic initiatives, responded to our first Request for Information (RFI), met with ODM and Procurement Team members to provide feedback, or participated in a listening session.

Thank you for taking time to provide your ideas and feedback! Through this time of uncertainty and need for many Ohioans, and into the future, we continue to focus on the individual rather than the business of managed care. We want to do better for the people we serve.



Feel free to share this update with anyone who you think might find it useful. We want all Ohioans to know what is going on with ODM's strategic initiatives.

Please also encourage anyone who you think might be interested in receiving similar updates to send us an email at MCPurchasement@medicaid.ohio.gov.

OhioRISE Stakeholder Engagement: Advisory Council & Workgroups

The OhioRISE team has been engaging with key stakeholders to optimize program development. This integral work involves local partners from multiple child-serving systems across Ohio. To work in partnership with stakeholders, ODM organized an OhioRISE Advisory Council with Workgroups to support the development of new and enhanced services to meet children and youth's needs across multiple systems. Each brings a different perspective to serve this population.

The purpose of the OhioRISE Advisory Council and Workgroups is to offer specific advice, expert opinions and suggestions to directors and staff regarding the OhioRISE program; provide clinical and programmatic input on key components of new and enhanced services; review rule development and changes; and provide critical technical feedback regarding initial implementation activities and OhioRISE operations.

Nearly 130 Advisory Council and Workgroup members participate in OhioRISE discussions. These individuals represent behavioral health, people with lived experience, child welfare, developmental disabilities, juvenile justice, and more. In collaboration, the stakeholder meetings include Aetna Better Health of Ohio (the OhioRISE Managed Care Organization), the new Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Center of Excellence, and state health and human service agencies. Since January, stakeholders have held 20 meetings to learn about OhioRISE and share experiences, expert advice, and make recommendations to support efforts to ensure OhioRISE best serves children and families.

The Advisory Council meets monthly and the following are ongoing OhioRISE Workgroups:

- Mobile Response and Stabilization (MRSS) Workgroup: Providing experience on current MRSS programs across the state and offering feedback to improve the service.
- Intensive Home-Based Treatment (IHBT) Workgroup: Sharing insights on workforce and team structures to enhance the service.
- Ohio Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment and Care Coordination Workgroup: Reviewing proposed Ohio CANS assessment tool, care coordination services, and eligibility and enrollment.

- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) Workgroup: Developing PRTFs in Ohio as a new kind of residential treatment service providing high-quality inpatient-level behavioral health care.

We are all part of a team working to build OhioRISE, including stakeholders. It is essential to connect with those it will impact, providers of the new and enhanced services, and local communities that engage with multi-system youth to be ready to implement and operationalize OhioRISE in January 2022.

In the coming months, the OhioRISE Advisory Council and Workgroups will be continuing work on the CANS assessment, PRTF, and service development. They will also be commencing the Implementation and Operations Workgroups. You can find the members selected to be in the Advisory Council [here](#) and the presentation for the kickoff OhioRISE Stakeholder meeting on December 18, 2020 [here](#).

Stay tuned for more information about OhioRISE in future editions of *The ODM 2022 Periodical* and visit the [OhioRISE page](#) on managedcare.medicaid.ohio.gov for updates and additional information.

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