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Document Scope: (applies to Policy & Procedure only)

- ☐ The requirements herein apply only to the GCBH BH-ASO Central Office and its functions.
 - ☐ The requirements herein apply, verbatim, to GCBH BH-ASO, its contractors, and its network providers².
 - ☒ The requirements herein apply to both GCBH BH-ASO and its network providers². Additionally, network providers must have internal documents outlining their processes for implementing the requirements, insofar as they relate to actions for which network providers are responsible.
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PURPOSE: To outline the provision of Jail Transitional Services to non-Medicaid individuals residing in the Greater Columbia Behavioral Health, LLC BH-ASO's (GCBH BH-ASO) Regional Service Area (RSA).

DEFINITIONS

- I. Jail Coordination Funding: Funding to provide behavioral health services for offenders that are mentally ill and/or have co-occurring disorders while confined in a county or city jail. These services are intended to facilitate access to programs that offer behavioral health service upon offenders' release from confinement.
 - a. A braided fund made up of Federal Block Grant (FBG) and Jail Proviso dollars.
 - b. General Fund State (GFS) dollars may be included if funding is available.

PROCEDURES

- 1.1.1 Jail Transition Services are to be provided within the identified resources in Contract.
- 1.1.2 The Network Provider shall coordinate with local and Tribal law enforcement, courts, and jail personnel to meet the needs of Individuals detained in city, county, tribal, and regional jails.
- 1.1.3 The Network Provider must identify and provide transition services to persons with mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders to expedite and facilitate their return to the community.
- 1.1.4 The Network Provider shall accept referrals for intake of persons who are not enrolled in community behavioral health services but who meet priority populations as defined in Chapter 71.24 RCW. The Network Provider must conduct mental health intake assessments for these persons and when appropriate provide transition services prior to their release from jail.

- 1.1.5 The Network Provider shall assist Individuals with mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders in completing and submitting an application for medical assistance prior to release from jail.
- 1.1.6 The Network Provider shall assist Individuals with mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders with the coordination of the re-activation of Medicaid benefits if those benefits were suspended while the Individual was incarcerated, which may involve coordinating the submission of prior-authorization with the managed care organizations, or the FFS Medicaid Program.
- 1.1.7 Pre-release services shall include:
 - 1.1.7.1 Mental health and SUD screening for Individuals who display behavior consistent with a need for such screening who submit a Health Kite requesting services, or have been referred by jail staff, or officers of the court.
 - 1.1.7.2 Mental health intake assessments for persons identified during the mental health screening as a member of a priority population.
 - 1.1.7.3 Facilitation of expedited medical and financial eligibility determination with the goal of immediate access to benefits upon release from incarceration.
 - 1.1.7.4 Other prudent pre-release and pre-trial case management and transition planning.
 - 1.1.7.5 Direct mental health or SUD services to Individuals who are in jails that have no behavioral health staff working in the jail providing services.
 - 1.1.7.6 Post-release outreach to ensure follow-up for mental health and other services (e.g. SUD) to stabilize Individuals in the community.
- 1.1.8 Post-release services shall include:
 - 1.1.8.1 Outreach to ensure follow-up for behavioral health services to stabilize individuals in the community.
 - 1.1.8.2 Follow-up to ensure a local treatment provider has accepted the individual on a Mental Health Sentencing Alternative into services, is able to provide follow-up treatment, and ensure adherence to the treatment plan required by the sentencing alternative, including reporting to the court.
- 1.1.9 If the Network Provider has provided the jail services in this Section the Network Provider may also use the Jail Coordination Services funds, if sufficient, to facilitate any of the following:
 - 1.1.9.1 Identify recently booked Individuals that are eligible for Medicaid or had their Medicaid benefits suspended for purposes of establishing Continuity of Care upon release.
 - 1.1.9.2 Expediting of applications for new or re-instated Medicaid benefits

(with referrals to Apple Health Managed Care Organizations as indicated).

- 1.1.9.3 Develop individual alternative service plans (alternative to the jail) for submission to the courts. Plans will incorporate evidence-based risk assessment screening tools.
- 1.1.9.4 Inter-local Agreements with juvenile detention facilities.
- 1.1.9.5 Provide up to a seven (7) day supply of medications for the treatment of mental health symptoms following the release from jail.
- 1.1.9.6 Training to local law enforcement and jail services personnel regarding de-escalation, crisis intervention, and similar training topics.

MONITORING

This policy will be monitored through annual reports submitted to HCA. These will be reviewed by both the Fiscal Committee and QMOC, with the appropriate recommendations, findings, and/or corrective actions as required.

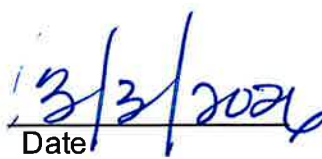
Monitoring may include some or all of the following:

- 1.1 Number of Individuals served under Jail Proviso funding for that time period
- 1.2 Barriers to providing services
- 1.3 Strategies to overcome the identified barriers
- 1.4 Training and technical assistance needs

APPROVAL



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