

St. Lawrence PC
Regional Advisory Committee Input
April 1, 2013

1. What do we like about the managed care approach presented?
 - a. The focus on Peers who have intensive BHC services
 - b. The inclusion of non-traditional methodologies
 - c. The ability for Peer Services to contract with managed care directly
 - d. The reinvestment
 - e. That the prescriber preference prevail
 - f.
2. What do we not like about the managed care approach presented?
 - a. That I can't get an answer on reimbursement rates
 - b. That choices are restricted and not as "informed"
 - c. That there are limited formularies
 - d. That pre-approval for meds and treatment can put life & health at risk and can exacerbates symptoms
3. What services do we think are still needed in the Health And Recovery Plan?
 - a. Transportation
 - b. Life skills and parenting training so that Peers can "graduate from services" and keep their families together
 - c. Increase number and types of alternative methods of treatment that are included
 - d. Increase public education especially at the time of enrollment so that Peers are making informed choices (using layman's terms)
4. What are the concerns and benefits of expanding peer services under managed care?
 - a. Concerns
 - I. Will they be mandated in all areas or just where they previously exist?
 - II. Questions of accreditation and validity of services could eliminate valuable established services
 - III. Where and with whom will the oversight of Peer services lay
 - b. Benefits would be that opening doors to Peer services open doors to avenues of hope and offer a broader array of services.
5. If you had a magic wand what would you do to make managed care work for people with mental health needs?
 - a. Far less complicated with options explained in detail
 - b. Life skills training would be included
 - c. Insure that the Peer is the decision maker
 - d. REGULATE THE INSURANCE COMPANYS