Meeting Agenda
Medicaid Redesign Team
Health Disparities Work Group

August 9, 2011 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services Office
1450 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203 – 4th Floor Conference Room

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks
   Work Group Co-Chairs: Ms. Elizabeth Swain and Commissioner, OASAS, Arlene González-Sánchez
   10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

II. Introduction of Work Group Members
   10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

III. Review of Group’s Mission and Charge/Meeting Objectives
   Ms. Elizabeth Swain and Commissioner, OASAS, Arlene González-Sánchez
   11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
   - Medicaid Redesign Process
   - Brainstorm Areas of Interest
   - Develop Prioritization Process
   - Health Disparities Workplan

IV. Review of Medicaid Reform Initiatives/PCMH/Health Home
   Ms. Lauren Tobias
   11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

V. Framing the Issues
   Data on Health Disparities in New York – Guthrie Birkhead, M.D.
   Previously Submitted MRT Proposals Applicable to Workgroup – Ms. Karen Westervelt
   12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

VI. Group Discussion:
   Ms. Elizabeth Swain and Commissioner, OASAS, Arlene González-Sánchez
   - Reactions to data and recent efforts.
   - Which disparities in health outcomes do we want to focus on?
   - What other information does the group want?
   - Discussion of the multiple aspects of health disparities and cultural competence and how Medicaid reform might impact observed disparities.
   - Health Disparities include (but may not be limited to): racial, ethnic, geographic, sexual orientation, cultural, language, literacy, insurance status, rural access and transportation, availability of qualified providers and special populations.
   - Cultural Competence: diversity among staff and providers; system capacities, including data collection (to assess the needs of the patient population and track progress in improving health outcomes); effective interpreter services and cultural competence education for management, providers, and staff.
LUNCH BREAK

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

VII. Resume Framing the Issues:
Discussion of health outcome priority areas to identify potential recommendations
Identification of common themes/elements.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

VIII. Going Forward:
Ms. Elizabeth Swain and Commissioner, OASAS, Arlene González-Sánchez
- Website – materials sharing.
- Report Development Process and Timeline.
- Prioritization Process.
- Meeting Dates.

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

Friday, September 16, 2011
Location: New York City

October 2011
Date, time and location to be determined