Welcome and Introductions (Pam Johnson, MFP Project Director)

Pam Johnson called the meeting to order at 10 AM. Pam welcomed Evaluation Advisory Team members. Members introduced themselves. Sixteen Evaluation Advisory Team members attended the meeting in person. No members attended by conference call.

Review of Training Evaluation from MFP Process Orientation Workshop (Pam Johnson)

Johnson reported that training participants made substantial gains in Average Level of Understanding (ALU) in the areas of Logic Model & Project Evaluation; Housing Tools and Dignity of Risk during the 1st day of training. Participants made substantial gains in ALU in understanding the Post-ITP; understanding new MFP demonstration services and vendor payment management. Overall training participants either agreed or agreed strongly that training presentation were helpful, presenters were knowledgeable and that participants would be able to apply what they learned at the workshop. Training participants commented that they wanted more training days, more breakout sessions/small group work and more opportunity to ask presenters questions. See MFP Process Orientation Workshop: Training Evaluation for more information.

Per-Member Per-Month Medicaid Cost Analysis (Leslie Vaughns)

Vaughns reported that overall, from September 2008 to February 2013, Georgia MFP has saved Medicaid $19,889,599.80. This equates to an average cost savings Per Member Per Month to Medicaid of 46 percent. Vaughns proposed moving the ‘look back’ period for claims from 6 months to 18 months to improve the accuracy of the analysis. The date of payment should be a log payment (for claims) of 18 months, which will give time for all claims processing to fallout. For more information see spreadsheet report, MFP Medicaid Data Analysis for September 2008 to February 2013.

Semiannual QoL Survey Analytic Results (Kristi Fuller, GHPC)

Semiannual Dashboard (Through 12.31.12)

Fuller presented descriptive statistics on survey respondents by population. The number of proxy responses is quite high for DD participants (baseline 63 percent, follow-up is 75 percent. Using the MFP Semiannual Dashboard (Through 12.31.12) Fuller discussed responses to one survey question from each of seven modules. Questions regarding choice and control showed
significant increases. Responses about community access indicated a decrease in getting out into the community for recreation by all populations. Most respondents reported feeling happy with the way they lived their life in the community. Responses were mixed regarding whether the person felt sad or blue during the past week. Some discussion ensued regarding the need for more peer support post-transition. There may be a need to recruit and train more peer supporters and train MFP field personnel to better use this resource. See Semiannual Dashboard for more information.

Review highlights from Semiannual Analytic Evaluation Report (Kristi Fuller, GHPC)
Fuller presented the highlights from the Semiannual Evaluation Report, cumulative through 12/31/2012. The full evaluation report includes additional demographics, analysis by target population, analysis of 2nd year responses and additional discussion of qualitative responses. During the presentation, Fuller discussed Module 1, question 3 (M1Q3), M2Q9, M3Q15, M4Q23, M5AQ33, M6Q38, M7Q39 and qualitative responses. Fuller ended the presentation with a discussion of the analysis of MFP Demonstration Services use and the preliminary data from the additional survey questions. See MFP Semi-Annual Analytic Results presentation and 2013 MFP Project Evaluation Semiannual Report of Analytic Results for more information.

Discussion of how these results will be used for continuous process improvement (Pam Johnson)
DCH MFP staff members are each tasked with specific project areas related to the Project Logic Model and related outputs/measures and outcomes. DCH MFP staffers and sub-committee/working groups will report out at Steering Committee meetings in the same manner as the Evaluation Team. Jerome Greathouse is leading the Housing Research and Development subcommittee, RL Grubbs in leading the Training & Workforce Development subcommittee, Sandy Taylor is leading the Marketing and Awareness subcommittee and Leslie Vaughns is leading the Quality Assurance subcommittee. In addition to current DCH MFP staff, the project will hire a clinical specialist.

Discussion of future analysis idea (Pam Johnson and Kristi Fuller)
A discussion of potential future analysis might include: further analysis of use of MFP demonstration services by participants; regional, rural/metro comparisons; respondent/proxy versus member with assistance versus participant alone comparisons; case studies; and Photo/Voice.

Wrap up and next steps, date and time for next meeting
The next quarterly Evaluation Team meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2013 from 10 – 11:30 am at GHPC. Johnson adjourned the meeting. DCH MFP and GHPC staff members were available for questions after the meeting.
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