Clinicians United New Hampshire

Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2021

**In attendance**: David Holt, Lynn Stanley, Heidi Page, Kathy Corkery, Adele Bradley

**Introductions:** Kathy Corkery noted she is attending as proxy for Chris Miller. The group thanked and welcomed Kathy and hopes she attends more in future.

**Legislative Updates** were reviewed by Lynn Stanley, NASW

-**HB472**: our bill to reduce “clawbacks” from 12 months to 6 months, as well as eliminate the exception. Bill has been tabled until fall. After budget season, we will reach out to our sponsor, Rep. Constance Houten again, to make sure she will back us on the exception part of our bill.

**Survey to gain backing for HB472**: - David sent our survey out in newsletter, Lynn sent it out to NASW members, Heidi had Julie Wolter send in out to NHPA members.

To date, we have 106 responses so far.

Action from discussion: Heidi will ask Shawn Hassell to get the Survey forward to LMFT’s: Adele will reach out to LMHC folks to ask them to forward survey to their members; Lynn sent the survey out to NASW members during meeting, and she offered to reach out to Diane Pepin from NH Providers Assoc. to have them send it.

-**HB602: Telehealth Bill**

Lynn gave us more background on what is happening around this bill. Chris Miller had shared concern about Anthem possibly lowering telehealth rates based on Lisa Guerin’s comments at Teleheatlh Alliance meeting 5/17. Since it is the law in the Telemedicine Act 414-J.3, insurers have to pay equal for in person and telehealth, and we need to stay on top of this bill seeking to change that. The bill is tabled until Fall.

There is a Telehealth Task Force run by the Dupont Group studying this. They have a meeting 6/8. Lynn will check w/ NASW’s Jim Monahan to see what he learns from meeting.

There is the Telehealth Alliance also in NH that we should connect with.

Action: Discussion on what we can do until then, and Lynn suggested letters to editors, talking w/ our patients who value or need telehealth when clinically appropriate, finding out from Anthem lobbyist, Sabrina, what Anthem is thinking, letters to our congressional representatives.

**SB828** – We want to support this bill that would allow LCMHC’s to be Medicare providers

Action: Contact both Hassan and Shaheen and tell them we support

**HB432** – essentially same bill as above in the house

Action: Contact Reps. Pappas and Kuster to support

**HB143** – Bill allowing for new tiers of licensure. Lynn shared what this bill covers, and that NASW is in support. The bills aim is to add more clinicians providing services to alleviate the waitlists for inpatient and outpatient services. A “C” for “conditional” will be added to the end of each license, ie. LICSW-C

Next meeting: July 12, 2021

Submitted by Heidi Page