# **Meeting Agenda**

Medicaid Redesign Team
Health Disparities Work Group

# Redesigning THE MEDICAID PROGRAM



## 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Work Group Co-Chairs: Ms. Elizabeth Swain and Commissioner, OASAS, Arlene González-Sánchez

**II. Introduction of Work Group Members** 

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

III. Review of Group's Mission and Charge/Meeting Objectives

Ms. Elizabeth Swain and Commissioner, OASAS, Arlene González-Sánchez

- Medicaid Redesign Process
- Brainstorm Areas of Interest
- Develop Prioritization Process
- Health Disparities Workplan

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

Ms. Lauren Tobias

V. Framing the Issues 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Data on Health Disparities in New York – *Guthrie Birkhead, M.D.*Previously Submitted MRT Proposals Applicable to Workgroup – *Ms. Karen Westervelt* 

### 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.
- <u>Cultural Competence</u>: 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.

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

### VII. Resume Framing the Issues:

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Discussion of health outcome priority areas to identify potential recommendations Identification of common themes/elements.

#### **VIII. Going Forward:**

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

Ms. Elizabeth Swain and Commissioner, OASAS, Arlene González-Sánchez

- Website materials sharing.
- Report Development Process and Timeline.
- Prioritization Process.
- Meeting Dates.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

Friday, September 16, 2011

Location: New York City

#### October 2011

Date, time and location to be determined