Building Bridges, Breaking Silos: Effective Inter-Agency Collaboration

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NJ FamilyCare Inter-Agency Collaboration

- Payment for Inmate Hospital Services
- Managed Long Term Services and Supports
- Medicaid Birth Outcomes
Payment for Inmate Hospital Services

**Issue**
NJ Office of the State Comptroller identifies $7 million non-Federally matched payments to hospitals for inmates who were eligible, but not enrolled in NJ FamilyCare.

**Analysis**
Lack of data sharing and effective processes created an inability to identify inmates eligible through Medicaid expansion upon admission to a hospital.

**Opportunity**
Eliminate unnecessary state and county spending by sharing data across multiple agencies and leveraging the existing Medicaid presumptive eligibility process.
Inter-Agency Team Convened

State Agencies
- Department of Medical Assistance and Health Services (NJ FamilyCare)
- Office of Information Technology
- Department of Corrections
- Administrative Office of the Courts

County Agencies
- NJ Association of Counties
- NJ County Jail Warden’s Association
- County Welfare Agencies
The Solution

County Jail, Hospital, County Gov’t. Trained Together

Establish inmate identifier in NJFC eligibility system

Hospital applies for PE for inmates upon admission

Data sharing between NJFC & Administrative Office of the Courts

FAQs continuously updated on NJFC website

New Jersey Cost Savings
Managed Long Term Services and Supports

- Cornerstone of New Jersey Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver approved October, 2012
- Transition Long Term Services and Supports from fee-for-service to managed care
- Goals: Improve outcomes, increase care options for recipients, decrease cost over time
The Challenge

Integrate clinical services from two Divisions

Division of Disability Services

Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

Division of Aging Services

Into an existing managed care structure
Planning, Implementation & Evaluation

Steering Committee: Multi-Agency Senior Policy Team; Meets as needed

- Oct 2012 Waiver Approved
- July 2014 Implementation
- June 2017 Waiver Expiration

Operations Committee: Multi-Agency Managers; Meets weekly
Birth Outcomes

Issue
Dept. of Health goal to reduce infant death rate by 2020; NJ FamilyCare performance based contracting (PBC) program rewards reduction in pre-term birth rate

Analysis
In order to implement PBC measure, NJ FamilyCare requires electronic birth certificate data from Dept. of Health

Opportunity
Agencies convene and collaborate to overcome technical and other obstacles to implement NJ FamilyCare’s PBC and assist Dept. of Health in achieving its goal
Convene Key Policy and Technology Representatives from both Agencies

Considerations:
- Data Security
- Data Sharing Infrastructure
- Data Linking

Data Use Agreement Signed

Enables NJ FamilyCare to access 5 years of Electronic Birth Certificate data from Dept. of Health on an ongoing basis

Next Steps

HMO-specific pre-term birth rate for PBC currently being developed by NJ FamilyCare
Thank You!