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<td>Approval of Minutes from the November 13, 2019 Practice Group meeting</td>
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<td>Licensing Issues</td>
<td>Providers shared their concerns about Department of Health (DOH) licensing requirements for providing medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and for having backup medical directors who are certified by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). It was noted that substance use disorder (SUD) treatment providers only recently learned about these requirements; that some might still be unaware; and that no DOH communication was sent to providers. Long delays in processing of licensure applications were also reinforced as an important advocacy issue.</td>
<td>It was agreed that advocacy on these issues should include the state’s interpretation of 10:37 that MAT is not included in the definition of psychotropic medication and, therefore, should not be provided under a mental health license. NJAMHAA will resend a survey about these issues to SUD treatment providers.</td>
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<td>Updates</td>
<td>Federal: Funding for the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) has been extended through May 22, 2020. NJAMHAA is continuing to advocate for further extension of (continued)</td>
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<td>Updates (continued)</td>
<td>existing CCBHCs, as well as expansion into additional states. <strong>State:</strong> The bill for expanding Early Intervention Support Services (S1635) will be reintroduced in the new legislative session and the bill for expanding Screening Centers (S1032) was passed. NJAMHAA is continuing to advocate for $15 million in supplemental funding for fee-for-service programs to be included in the current budget and an additional $25 million in the FY2021 budget. Governor Murphy announced during his State of the State address that he will propose another $100 million in the FY2021 budget to address the opioid crisis. It was noted that only 128 of the 266 SUD treatment providers have applied to participate in the SUD Promoting Interoperability Project (PIP), through which the state is offering funding for implementation of electronic health record systems and participation in the New Jersey Health Information Network.</td>
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<td>Rutgers University Center for Alcohol and Substance Use Studies: Recent Research, Current Initiatives and Offerings</td>
<td>Dr. Hien and Ms. Howard provided an overview of the research that the Center has undertaken, which includes the relationships among trauma, stress, SUDs and other health issues. Many projects are underway simultaneously. These include the concurrent use of marijuana and nicotine among college-age individuals. Dr. Hien and Ms. Howard described the Center’s programs for providing education on the Rutgers campus and training in communities. (continued)</td>
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[Interested providers can contact June Noto, NJAMHAA’s Vice President, Information Technology, Human Resources and Administrative Services, at 609-838-5488, ext. 202, or jnoto@njamhaa.org.]
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<td><strong>Rutgers University Center for Alcohol and Substance Use Studies: Recent Research, Current Initiatives and Offerings (continued)</strong></td>
<td>The Center is interested in conducting research and offering training on peer-delivered services. The Center is also working on establishing a certification in addiction trauma treatment and to provide related training for providers in jails, hospitals and other settings. In addition, the Center is working on a certification program for peers, which they hope to roll out in September.</td>
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<td><strong>Standing Agenda Topics</strong></td>
<td><em>Workforce Development:</em> It was stated that this is a key advocacy issue for NJAMHAA, especially as many workforce members are aging out. Advocacy includes a request for funding for telepsychiatry. It was noted that funding is needed for individuals needing supervision in order to obtain licenses.</td>
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<td><strong>White Paper</strong></td>
<td>Carolann Cavaiola summarized the advocacy issues that were identified and the proposed solutions. It was suggested that providers invite State Senators and Assembly members to their facilities to build their awareness of the services provided and their positive impact on the lives of individuals with SUDs and their families.</td>
<td>Members were asked to provide feedback on the white paper.</td>
<td>Following this meeting</td>
<td>Send to members: Mary Abrams (This was completed. Shauna Moses re-sent it at a later date.) Members</td>
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<td><strong>Member Recruitment and Satisfaction Survey</strong></td>
<td>It was noted that NJAMHAA is conducting a membership satisfaction survey and all members are encouraged to complete it. NJAMHAA recently sent a mailing to licensed sober living residences, encouraging them to join the trade association. <em>(continued)</em></td>
<td>Click <a href="#">here</a> to complete this survey.</td>
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<td>Member Recruitment and Satisfaction Survey (continued)</td>
<td>Members were asked for feedback about having guest speakers at the meetings. It was noted that it is not required or expected to have guest speakers at every meeting, although occasional guests, such as state representatives, would be helpful. It was stressed that a clear agenda and specific questions will be needed for when state representatives are invited to meetings. It was noted that the networking that takes place during the meetings is highly valuable.</td>
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<td>Old and New Business</td>
<td>Members were encouraged to attend NJAMHAA’s IT Project’s conference, <em>IT is Critical</em>, April 1, 2020 at the Pines Manor in Edison and the Annual Conference, <em>Reimagining Health Care</em>, April 23-24, 2020 at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Woodbridge in Iselin.</td>
<td>Visit <a href="http://www.njamhaa.org/events">www.njamhaa.org/events</a> for details and to register.</td>
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**Next Practice Group Meeting:** March 12, 2020 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at NJAMHAA