

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, November 3, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

#### **SESSION ONE – MCO Panel Listening Session and Discussion**

*Featuring representatives from each of the six Medicaid MCOs and DMAS*

We will be featuring two sections for this session – an opportunity for the MCOs to hear about the top challenges providers are facing, followed by a discussion where the MCOs will have the chance to talk about the following suggested topics:

- *Each MCO's unique goals and priorities that are guiding service authorization decision making*
- *How providers can improve how they work with each MCO*
- *Criteria that are considered in determining network make-up*
- *Perspectives on the role of private providers as part of the overall system*
- *How a provider can be considered to be a part of an MCO's preferred provider network*
- *Description of specific partnership opportunities with providers*
- *Training opportunities where providers can participate*
- *How providers can be re-considered to be in a MCO's network if they have been terminated*
- *Any relevant updates on the implementation of Project BRAVO from an MCO standpoint*
- *Any other updates on items and issues that may be relevant to providers*

DMAS has also been invited to provide an update on their efforts to provide oversight of the MCOs and the status of the new Medicaid managed care contract.

Two CE/ethics CE available (pending approval)

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

#### **SESSION TWO – 2022 Legislative Session Priorities Panel**

This session will feature a discussion about policies and issues that are on the radar for the upcoming legislative session that may impact providers and those they serve with the leaders of some of our partner associations, including:

- *Jennifer Wicker, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (invited)*
- *Emily Griffey, Voices for Virginia's Children (confirmed)*
- *Jennifer Fidura, Virginia Network of Private Providers (invited)*
- *Jennifer Faison, Virginia Association of Community Services Boards (invited)*
- *Bill Elwood, VCOPPA (invited)*
- *Doug Gray, Virginia Association of Health Plans (confirmed)*
- *Becky Bowers-Lanier, VACSB, SAARA, VAAP, VCA (confirmed)*

One CE/ethics CE available (pending approval)

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

#### **SESSION THREE – Behavioral Health in the Schools: Updates from VDOE**

*Featuring Maribel Saimre, Director, Office of Student Services, Virginia Department of Education*

With the school year underway, this session will allow providers to hear the latest about behavioral health in Virginia's public schools, including where there may be opportunities for further collaboration and partnerships with providers.

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One CE/ethics CE available (pending approval)

## **Thursday, November 4, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

### **SESSION FOUR – Multi-Systemic Therapy and Functional Family Therapy: What Providers Need to Know**

*Featuring Helen M. Midouhas, Ph.D., L.P.C., FFT National Trainer and Consultant, Functional Family Therapy and  
Melanie Duncan/Tom Pietkiewicz, MST Services (invited)*

Join this session to learn more about these Evidence-Based Practices that will be implemented as part of the Medicaid continuum of behavioral health services through Project BRAVO in December from experts with the model developers.

One CE/ethics CE available (pending approval)

**10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

### **SESSION FIVE – DBHDS Updates from the Commissioner: State Hospitals, COVID Funding, Workforce, Accreditation-EBPs-Licensing, Marcus Alert, DEI & more**

*Featuring Alison Land, Commissioner, DBHDS*

This session will provide the opportunity for participants to hear updates on the following recommended topics:

- *State hospital census, safety and related issues, including opportunities for partnerships with private-sector providers*
- *Investment of federal COVID funds for behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment*
- *Workforce development strategies and investments to support the entire community-based provider network, including public- and private-sector providers*
- *Perspectives on how licensing may evolve with a push for accreditation and increased implementation of evidence-based practices*
- *Marcus Alert implementation status report and how private providers can support this initiative*
- *DBHDS's diversity, equity, inclusion and justice efforts and how providers can support those efforts*
- *Overview of DBHDS 2022 legislative session priorities*

One CE/ethics CE available (pending approval)

**1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

### **SESSION SIX – DMAS Updates: Project BRAVO, Service Utilization Data, Administrative Improvements, School-Based Services, Workforce & more**

*Featuring Alyssa Ward, Ph.D., LPC, Behavioral Health Clinical Director, DMAS*

This session will feature a wide range of timely and relevant updates. Recommended topics to cover include the following:

- *Status of implementation of Project BRAVO services, including a report on those services that came online on July 1, as well as a discussion of the services planned for implementation in December. Special attention will be given to the role of private providers in providing comprehensive crisis services and implementation of MST and FFT.*
- *Service authorization forms and other administrative improvements*

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- *Data on utilization and delivery of services, including the role private providers are playing to meet the needs of Virginia Medicaid members*
- *DMAS's vision for the role of private providers in the overall system looking to the future*
- *Next steps for Project BRAVO – which services will be next in the transformation of Virginia's community-based continuum of behavioral health services*
- *School-based services and how to ensure the need for supports in school settings across Virginia can be met*
- *Workforce/training efforts by DMAS and how providers can participate in and support those efforts*
- *Overview of DMAS priorities for the 2022 legislative session*
- *Status/consideration of an 1115 waiver to help to fund further enhancement of community-based services*
- *Status report on the use of federal COVID funds on items that fall within DMAS's purview*
- *DMAS perspective on accreditation and evidence-based practices as we look to the future of the system*

One CE/ethics CE available (pending approval)

**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

### **SESSION SEVEN – Licensing Updates: Licensing System Improvements, Project BRAVO, Serious Incident Reporting, Compliance Reminders/Common Mistakes, Training Opportunities and more**

*Featuring Jae Benz, MSW, Director of Licensing, DBHDS*

This session will provide a chance for participants to hear the latest licensing news. Recommended topics to cover include the following:

- *Overview of the new licensing system that will be implemented, including what will change for providers and what they “need to know” as they interface with the new system*
- *Status of licensing for the new Project BRAVO services*
- *Impacts from new accreditation requirements for certain services on licensing*
- *Common licensing and Serious Incident Reporting mistakes and how providers can avoid them*
- *Perspective on the JLARC licensing study*
- *Upcoming provider trainings of potential interest to our members*
- *Highlights of what's on the horizon with respect to licensing in 2022*

One CE/ethics CE available (pending approval)

**Up to nine total CEs/Ethics CEs available (pending approval)**

#### **EARLY BIRD PRICING (PRIOR TO **OCTOBER 15**)**

1-2 total sessions  
\$50/session for members/  
\$75/session for non-members

3-4 total sessions  
\$40/session for members/  
\$65/session for non-members

More than 5 total sessions  
\$30/session for members/  
\$55/session for non-members

#### **POST-EARLY BIRD PRICING (AFTER **OCTOBER 15**)**

1-2 total sessions  
\$75/session for members/  
\$100/session for non-members

3-4 total sessions  
\$65/session for members/  
\$90/session for non-members

More than 5 total sessions  
\$55/session for members/  
\$80/session for non-members

**NOTE: ONE PERSON = ONE SESSION. SESSIONS ARE NOT TRANSFERRABLE OR SHARABLE.**

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