TCM update:

Work started in 2014 in reaction to Federal demands.

Working on county contracted rates for providers.

Still need to look at the county

The monthly rate is something they would like more examination of and looking at alternatives.

Payments when a team environment providing services.

This has been a partnership between counties and DHS on this matter. It has been a complex process and we have different business areas of DHS weighing in on this matter.

We have made progress that we have a rate methodology defined by DHS.

Additional feedback has been considered. A schedule of rates is out that is reflective of the median cost of case management.   
  
Can change the expected case load to address the intensity of the service. Example Long Term Homeless and TCM-case load size exception process.

Also, culturally specific staff adjustments allowable as well.

Latest update is timing: Expected a January 1 22 was the expected rollout date. This has been changed to July 1 22. The area is how to provide mitigation for where rates are vastly different than they were in the past. The rate of change in some areas exceeds 50% of the rate. Can we draw a line where there needs to be some buffering? This will need CMS approval for these mitigation tactics.

When the state takes the federal share and assigns it down to the county. They are not supposed to limit the availability of service due to the fiscal grounds. There appears to be an organic break in data that will allow for this mitigation process.

Winona County asked the question on whether or not counties will align with the subcontracted rates. You as the local mental health authority, you have the option of doing service in-house.

DHS is looking at the county rate reform in the next phase. They are looking at more of a cost-base rate.

Counties seemed to be able to provide at a higher level the specificity that was asked for in the past round. This is leading to a different approach in the reform work.

Non-medicaid rates can still be allowed. There is state law around this not allowing a lower medicaid rate.

The other things: CCBHCs are not part of the process. They will be doing their rate differently.

State has bought out the non-federal share on those clients. They will be paid on the CCBHC rate without a fee for service.

One of the things that have happened with attempting to get a MA compliant way of paying for services, counties rethinking the assignment of the non-federal share. Looking at buying out the non-federal share.

Level II discussion

If a level 1 indicates a level 2 is needed, then there is no way to dispute the need to do a level II.

Senior linkage line would need to be contacted.

The reviews from skilled nursing facilities are a hot topic. IF they are given a psychotropic medication

Age-appropriate depression. 88-year-old and 90-year-old with a sign of depression.

The language under resident review says if it is similar to anyone of the age or level.

It is a lot for them to go through. We are seeing increased delusions.

A flurry of resident review requests are coming in. Facilities are saying it is a response to the audits that are going through. Could it be a refreshing of the language? Even if the county could challenge back, it is impacting payment.

Could there be something through train link offered? Counties are really relying on each other for informal training.

Guardians/supported decision makers play a role? You can gather enough information to rule out the brief DA. You can connect with the agencies, collaterals to help inform you decisions.

Social security number: They are looking into making sure this is not a hard stop on the snap survey. You'd have to have create a new PMI as a possible workaround.

* What is our threshold for completing DA’s if the facility does not respond?
  + Document the multiple attempts. No way to you'd be penalized for not completing the DA. You need to document efforts.

Are they in need for services?   
Senior linkage line: County of financial responsibility versus. County of location

Are there reports quarterly? Seems a bit outdated due to the snap survey.

New board and lodges coming to Dodge and soon in Waseca.