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To: CSN Members
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Re: CSN Directions
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OAMHS has completed its review of the surveys and the discussions with each of the CSNs regarding the future direction of the CSNs. We believe that the following represents the general consensus on how best to continue.

Maintain the Mission of the CSN

The CSN is an appointed body of consumers, providers, and family members, representing a specific geographic area, led by OAMHS staff, that works collectively to understand, coordinate, re-imagine, and take action to ensure continuity of care for adults receiving public mental health services to make certain that mental health services are delivered in a seamless manner that facilitates recovery and community inclusion and builds natural supports.

Structure

- Replace the seven monthly regional CSN meetings with one quarterly meeting for each of the CSNs;
- The agenda will be:
 1. Review of the CSN Continuity of Care Work Group recommendations;
 2. Reports of other meetings and activities in the CSN such as the Class/Hospital Initiative, the local and state Consumer Councils, the Employment Support Network, Crisis Quarterly District meetings, etc.
 3. Statewide Reports
- The seven CSNs will hold Continuity of Care Work Group meetings during the quarter on selected continuity of care issues;
- OAMHS will hold one monthly statewide conference call per month for information dissemination.

Attached to this email is the schedule for the quarterly CSN meetings and the statewide conference call. As each of the first quarterly meetings is held, OAMHS will work with CSN members to establish selected issues for the Continuity of Care Work Groups.

Thank you all for your input as we look to improve outcomes for the CSNs.