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Clark County Regional Support Network Policy Statement

Policy No.: QM06
Policy Title: Evidence-Based Practice/Practice Guidelines
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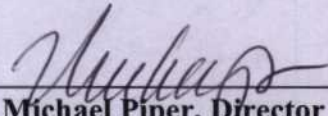
Policy: The Clark County Regional Support Network (CCRSN) shall review, evaluate and implement evidence-based practices and practice guidelines that demonstrate efficacy and effectiveness. The evidence-based practices shall be identified by state and federal mental health sources as achieving positive outcomes for consumers receiving CCRSN-funded services.

Reference: WAC 388-865-0280, and any other Washington State statutes and rules that may apply; 42 CFR Subpart D; Washington Mental Health Division RSN Interlocal Agreement; CMS Waiver

Procedure:

1. The CCRSN shall use the data and information from state and local entities, including providers participating in Quality Committee structure, to review existing and new evidence-based practices and practice guidelines and develop an annual evidence-based practice plan.
2. Availability of funding shall be taken into consideration when selecting new evidence-based practices to be implemented.
3. The CCRSN's process for evaluation and selection of evidence-based practices shall consist of:
 - a. Review of the CCRSN's data and information by CCRSN Provider and Services Review Committee;
 - b. Reporting recommendations of the Provider and Services Review Committee by the CCRSN Medical Director (committee co-chair) to the Quality Management Committee for review and recommendation to the CCRSN Executive Committee for adoption.
 - c. Review and approval by the CCRSN Executive Committee for implementation.
4. For any evidence-based practices and/or practice guidelines adopted, the CCRSN shall ensure that fidelity tools are administered as part of quality monitoring.
5. The CCRSN shall ensure that evidence-based practices and practice guidelines:
 - a. Are based on valid and reliable clinical evidence and a consensus of health care professionals in the field;
 - b. Consider the needs of the CCRSN consumers;
 - c. Are adopted in consultation with contracted mental health providers through the Quality Committee structure;
 - d. Are reviewed at semi-annual adherence reviews to monitor implementation and outcomes.

6. The CCRSN shall promote the implementation of evidence-based practice and practice guidelines by:
 - a. Providing training and materials to providers as funding allows;
 - b. Disseminating information on evidence-based practices and practice guidelines to providers and, upon request, to consumers;
 - c. Contracting with providers to implement the recommended evidence-based practices.

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