

Psychiatrists Leadership and Advocacy Group (PLAG)
Minutes from 4/1/15 Meeting

Members Present – Dallas Metrocare, Child and Family Guidance Center, Lakes Regional MHMR, Green Oaks Hospital, VA

PLAG Membership

- Discussed outreach to community providers regarding joining PLAG, hosting a meeting, or providing a presentation on their services.

Community Psychiatry

- Discussed potential changes to psychiatry practices and where individuals seek services as a result of the Affordable Care Act. Individuals may start to move away from private pay arrangements in favor of community based services through private insurance co-pays.
- Discussed psychiatric residency training programs. Several new community mental health rotations have been added at Metrocare and Child and Family Guidance also sponsors a rotation.
- Discussed challenges to recruiting and developing physicians who want to work in a community based setting.
- PLAG noted the importance of sparking interest and providing training in community psychiatry during medical school and residency in order to draw qualified and passionate physicians into the community.

Payment Structure

- Discussed the case rate structure. PLAG talked about disadvantages to this payment model.
- PLAG noted that the case rate has not kept up with market values. They also noted that the predictive rate setting is not congruent with the patients who are actually served.
- The group agreed that the design of the payment structure will be an important component of local planning efforts for indigent behavioral health services.