

**Psychiatrists Leadership and Advocacy Group (PLAG)
Minutes from 6/3/15 Meeting**

Members Present – Dallas Metrocare, Child and Family Guidance Center, Adapt of Texas, Lakes Regional MHMR

NorthSTAR Pharmacy Reports

- During the May NorthSTAR Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee meeting, ValueOptions (VO) requested input from the PLAG as to what type of pharmacy reports the physicians would find useful.
- VO has requested that SPNs submit a list of their doctors and affiliated nurse practitioners so VO can work to generate a report that highlights individual prescription patterns.
- VO has suggested the following reporting elements:
 - Total number of prescriptions
 - A breakdown of prescriptions by medication class
 - A breakdown of prescriptions by specific medication name within a class
- The PLAG would also like to see reporting on:
 - Number of prescriptions per doc and per doc per patient
 - Benzo prescribing data
 - Dual therapy for antipsychotics
 - Dosage range information for dual therapy antipsychotics
 - Comparisons across SPN and NorthSTAR averages

Other Issues

- The PLAG discussed a case in which the group feels inpatient behavioral health and medical care failed to meet basic quality standards. The case also seemed to highlight significant gaps in coordination with the outpatient provider and safe discharge planning. The group discussed appropriate options for bringing concerns and reports of adverse incidents to the attention of appropriate oversight bodies, including NTBHA and VO.
- It was reported that Terrell State Hospital does not currently have a prescriber who performs electroconvulsive therapy (ECT). PLAG members reported that the process for getting ECT authorized and provided while TSH tries to hire a new prescriber is unclear. Brittony McNaughton, NTBHA Clinical Director, will reach out to VO for clarification. Dr. Grable with Lakes Regional MHMR also agreed to follow up.