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The committee topics for 2015 were reviewed and discussed.

1. Identifying gaps in substance abuse and mental health services
 - Detox
 - Comments that we can look at utilization data for the substitution services
 - Anecdotal reports from the community that there is difficulty accessing substitution services
 - Question arose about whether the health plans can count the encounters for substitution services toward their medical loss ratio (MLR). There is little incentive for the plans to provide the service if they cannot include it in the MLR calculation.
2. Exploring cost neutral ways to utilize funding with a focus on adults with dual serious mental health conditions and intellectual disorders
 - Cost shifting
 - Pull data to look at service utilization
 - Involve the I-Budget waiver staff
3. Reviewing changes to behavioral health coverage policy
 - The handbooks related to behavioral health services have been revised but have not started the rule development process. The community behavioral health handbook will become into 4 separate coverage polices:
 - Behavioral health assessment and treatment plan services
 - Behavioral health therapy and support services
 - Behavioral health medical services
 - Behavioral health on-site services

- The specialized therapeutic services handbook will become 2 separate coverage policies:
 - Therapeutic foster care
 - Therapeutic group care
 - The current handbooks for mental health targeted case management, children at risk for abuse and neglect, and child health targeted case management is being combined into one coverage policy.
 - Other coverage policies in the rule development process are behavior analysis services and statewide inpatient psychiatric services.
4. Identifying new quality strategies for behavioral health related services
- There are only a few quality measures contained in the health plan contract. The subcommittee will conduct research to identify or possibly develop additional performance measures to monitor the quality of services provided by the health plans related to behavioral health.

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