

Legislation Text

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Medical Director Report - Dr. Zun

Physical Health

Provider Collaboration

- Dr. Alvia Sabahat has transitioned into her new role as Regional Medical Director.
- The three new pediatricians have completed their orientation and are providing patient care in their assigned clinics.

Clinical Operations

- COVID-19 vaccinations for patients aged 5-11 began Monday, November 8, 2021, as part of their regular medical appointment.
- The Podiatry Clinic will begin on Friday, November 19, 2021, and will provide services every Friday at the Grand Avenue Health Center.
- The ARPA grant for provider usage of an e-consult internet-based service was approved. Primary care leadership has been interviewing e-consult vendors and reviewing their software.
- The ARPA grant and Quality grant funds will be used in the purchase of a retinal screening machine for each clinic site.
- Focus of Patients: Attached to this report is data on external referrals. Data is broken down by specialty and funded versus unfunded patients. As noted, the top referrals are Cardiology, Dermatology, Gastroenterology, Ophthalmology and Orthopedic Surgery.

External Relations

- Lake County PADS (Providing Advocacy, Dignity and Shelter) clients are moving back into their shelters. Primary care leadership has met with the new Directors of PADS and are working to continue providing services to these clients.
- North Shore University Health System has expressed interest in providing specialty services funded through the ARPA grant.

Regulatory

- The JCAHO and HRSA continuous readiness process is ongoing.

Psychiatry/MAT

Provider Collaboration

- No updates at this time.

Clinic Operations

- No significant FQHC-related changes in clinical operations. Most services continue to be provided using telephone or video encounters, though face-to-face appointments are available daily.
- The department is looking into using telehealth vendor(s) to add more psychiatry capacity.
- The Behavioral Health Medical Director position has been posted since Summer 2020. To date the posting has been viewed 1,219 times with only one application received and that applicant was not qualified.

External Relations

- Nothing new to report.

Regulatory

- No updates.

Dental

Provider Collaboration

- The Midlakes Health Center Dental Assistant position has been posted since April 2021. To date the posting has been viewed 1,867 times and two individuals have been interviewed but both declined the position.
- Recruitment efforts for the Zion Health Center Dental Hygienist position are ongoing.
- The integration of dental services at the Belvidere Health Center during the North Chicago Health Center renovations is going well.

Clinical Operations

- The department received 30 dental handpieces through use of the ARPA grant funding. The next equipment update with these funds will be in the purchase of water filtration systems for the offices.
- Plans are in place to install a third dental chair at the Zion Health Center by November 22, 2021. The plan is to add a dental hygienist to this site once the additional chair is installed.

External Relations

- No updates at this time.

Regulatory

- Nothing new to report.

None, for information only.