

SOAR Dialogue Highlights

1/19/17

Attendees: Emily Carmody, Natasha Posey, Chellie Grossman, Tracy Miller, Pamalia Davis, Linda Mandell, Elizabeth Lewin

Introductions

- Emily Carmody, NCCEH, Raleigh- SOAR training scheduled for February 14-15, 2017 in Triangle area
- Natasha Posey, Southlight, Raleigh- no updates
- Chellie Grossman, Alliance of Disability Advocates, Raleigh, NC- No updates
- Tracy Miller, PATH Team, Cumberland County- received first approval of 2017
- Pamalia Davis, Housing for New Hope, Durham- no updates yet
- Linda Mandell, Pitt County- no updates
- Elizabeth Lewin, PATH Team, Statesville- Had first approval for 2017

News from SSA

SSA announced that Acceptable Medical Sources (AMS) will be expanded to include Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants

- The new rule will go into effect for cases submitted on or before March 27, 2017
- SOAR caseworkers can now have NPs and PAs sign Medical Summary Reports and have the reports counted as medical evidence
- This is great news for SOAR applicants who mainly see NPs and PAs for ongoing treatment
- Thank you to everyone who submitted comments!

Updated SSA Mental Disorder Listings

- As of January 17th, SSA will begin operating under the new Mental Disorder Listings released in November
 - All cases in process at DDS on January 17th will be evaluated using the listings
- Emily reviewed the listings via slides on the join.me/nccehrocks website (see slides posted to Dialogue page)
 - Slides review the mechanics of needing to meet A&B or A&C (except for 12.05)
 - Majority of SOAR cases will be looking to meet A&B as they did with the previous listings
 - For each listing, slides were presented that covered:
 - Tips about how the mental disorder presents itself in symptoms and diagnoses
 - Part A Criteria
- Tips provided:
 - Please be sure to go back and read each listing as you are using them to become familiar with the new requirements.

- There are new listings for neurodevelopmental disorders, eating disorders, and trauma- and stressor-related disorders
 - Be sure to read these listings so you do not miss an opportunity for an applicant meeting a listing

Next SOAR Dialogue Call will be on February 16th at 10 AM:

<http://www.ncceh.org/events/1083/>

On the call, we will review the changes to Part B of the Listings (functioning criteria).