OhioMHAS Hospital Information

Northcoast Behavioral Health has its first confirmed client with COVID-19. OhioMHAS is currently working with the Summit County Health Department and their Epidemiologist on this case. It was also shared that they are working with the Governor’s office to develop a strategy to support psychiatric inpatient capacity in the community. Things that they are considering include:

OhioMHAS regional psychiatric hospitals may pause or cease admissions under the following criteria:

Under certain extreme circumstances OhioMHAS may choose to pause or cease admissions to one or more OhioMHAS Regional Psychiatric Hospitals. OhioMHAS has established the following criteria:

Pause Admissions
1. A confirmed case of COVID-19 has been identified
   a. Ohio Department of Health and Local Health Department notified
   b. Determination made for staff and patients that need to self-quarantine or be in isolation
   c. Additional deep cleaning done
2. Cluster of pending COVID-19 tests

Cease Admissions
1. The State-run Psychiatric Hospital has activated Trigger 4 on the Regional Psychiatric Hospital Pandemic Plan.
2. Critical Staffing level has been reached. Critical Staffing level is defined as the following:
   o A nursing staff to patient ratio of One to Eight (1:8). Ratios include a minimum of one RN on each unit.

They are also currently working with private hospitals to make arrangements in the event they would have to temporarily need to cease admissions. Active cases might also result in a lag time for new admissions due to the need of having to sanitize the facility. Hospitals are currently trying to keep 3 rooms (6 beds) vacant to accommodate isolation rooms. There is a likelihood more single rooms will be needed as there are more patients with pending tests. They shared that they are working with each of their hospitals to designate a quarantine area. At NOPH they are looking at designating a unit that just was renovated but was not staffed, and at Heartland they are exploring using the gym. She stressed this is a very fluid protocol, and may need to change frequently. We reiterated that it is important that the CEOs for each of the Hospitals reach out to all the Boards that are utilizing the hospital to keep them updated on plans and access.

Also, we have attached the updated patient screening. This screening coincides with a Health Order from Dr. Acton for OhioMHAS, DRC, and DYS.