Michigan Child Collaborative Care (MC3): An Innovative Care Model to Increase Access to Mental Health Treatment for Children and Adolescents in Michigan Using Telephone Consultation and Telepsychiatry

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Objectives:

1. Identify advances in clinical assessment and management of selected healthcare issues related to persons with developmental disabilities

2. Discuss telephone consultation and telepsychiatry, steps for implementation and outcomes of those completed.

Notes:
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What is MC3?

• Psychiatry access program for primary care providers
  – “Just-in-time” phone consultation
  – Telepsychiatry evaluations
• Funded by:
  – Medicaid Match
  – Flinn Foundation
  – Ravitz Foundation

MC3 Goals

• Improve access to crucial mental health services for children, adolescents and high-risk women of childbearing age. Males to age 24, Females to 26
• Encourage appropriate use of evidence-based pharmacotherapy.
• Increase primary care provider comfort, knowledge and ability in treating mental health problems.
Why Psychiatry Access Programs?

- Poor distribution of child and adolescent psychiatrists (Keller & Sarvet, 2013)
- MC3 delivers providers with psychiatry consultations regardless of accessibility in their area.

Why Primary Care Providers?

- Pediatricians prescribing 84.8% of psychotropic meds (Goodwin et al, 2001)
- 60-70% of PCPs report appointment delays for mental health referrals of 3-4 months (MCPAP Survey)
- 40% of visits in some primary care clinics main reason for the appointment (Keller and Sarvet, 2013)
- Less stigma in a PCP office than in mental health setting (Sarvet et. al, 2011; Mauksch et al. 2001)
- Patients and parents have comfort with their PCP (Sarvet et. al, 2011)
Current MC3 Counties

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Who does MC3 Serve?

• Primary care providers who treat:
  – Infants and children ages infancy through 26
  – High risk women during pregnancy and postpartum
PCP Enrollment

- Primary Care Provider signs agreement
- Creates online account to access:
  - Pre-program surveys
  - Educational Modules
  - FAQ/Resource site
- Providers can utilize service
  same day agreement is submitted

How it works

PCP enrolls in MC3 Program

PCP identifies a patient for consultation

Appropriate MC3 consultation service is utilized

Evaluation of Program

MC3 Consultation Process

Information or resources provided to PCP or family

Liaison Coordinator:

Contacts Primary Care Provider to set up consultation with Psychiatry or Telephone Consultation as needed.

MC3 Consultation:

Telephone Consultation between Primary Care Provider and a child psychiatrist

Liaison Coordinator:

Documents care recommendations and provides necessary follow-up.
Experience of Enrolled PCP

- Provider’s Experience
- Effect of Program
- Challenges to PCP
- No to Poor Reimbursement

Total number of consultations to date: 475

Regions:
- Hillsdale: 10
- Northern: 11
- Northern Lakes: 137
- Southeast: 68
- Western: 246
- Missing: 3

Providers:
- Enrolled: 72
- Not enrolled: 60
- Total: 131

Reason for Consult:
- Services: 31
- Meds: 401
- Diagnosis: 54
- Other: 22

Telephone Consultations:

Age

![Age Distribution Chart]
Patient Data

• 2% currently seeing a psychiatrist
• 71% currently on psychotropic medications
• 97% had been on medications in the past
• 40% currently receiving therapy or other services
• 8% history of psychiatric hospitalizations
• 4% history of serious accidents or head traumas
• 5% PCP felt patient was at imminent risk for self-harm or harm to others
• 12% had a school-based plan such as an IEP or 504

*Based off 235 unique patients
Telepsychiatry

• Launched May 2013
• A full psychiatry evaluation done via videoconferencing
• Short wait for telepsychiatry evaluation service

Telepsychiatry Process

• Prior phone consultation from PCP
• Patient/parent orientation
• LC to CAP briefing
  – Presents CDI, MASC, RADS, TEEN-PHQ, VADPRS scores, patient history
• Evaluation
• CAP to PCP recommendations

Telepsychiatry Data

• 16 consultations completed
• Patients aged between 3 and 15
• 9 male, 7 female; 56.3% male, 43.7% female
**Telepsychiatry Vignette**

- Young boy with aggression, anger, and violence issues.
- PCP had 3 phone consultations prior to telepsychiatry.
- Provisional Dx was bipolar disorder, after consultation Dx Mood Disorder NOS
- Medications, diagnosis and therapy plan reviewed
- PCP reports frequency and intensity of patient’s anger has significantly decreased since collaborating with MC3

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**Telepsychiatry Satisfaction**

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided today?

- Generally, how comfortable were you with the telepsychiatry service?
- How convenient is the location of your appointment today?

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**Telepsychiatry Satisfaction, Continued**

How would you rate the visual quality?

- Parent
- Patient

How would you rate the sound quality?

- Parent
- Patient
Would you be able to have a child psychiatry consultation without the availability of telepsychiatry?

During the consultation today, how self-conscious did you feel because of the equipment?

How would you rate telepsychitary compared to face-to-face consultation?

MC3 Program Evaluation

- Program Pre-survey
- Liaison Coordinator activity
- Patient demographics
  - ER/hospitalization likely avoided
  - Local availability of recommended services
- Increase in comfort/knowledge by enrolled providers
  - FAQs
  - Virtual group case consultation
  - Education Modules
- Satisfaction survey results and feedback
  - PCP
  - Parent
  - Patient
Liaison Coordinator Perspective

- Roles
- Responsibilities
- Perspective

What do Liaison Coordinators do?

- 49%
- 20%
- 21%
- 5%
- 1%

- Telephone Consultation Set up
- Follow-up
- Other (School, Psych set-up, etc)
- Information/Resources
- Services Linkage
- Data

Pre-program Survey

- Practice Pattern Survey
- Health Opinion Survey
PCP Confidence in Accessing Resources

- Providers were “Not at All Confident” in accessing the following treatments:
  - PCIT 61%
  - Eating Disorder Treatment 53%
  - DBT 52%
  - Parent Management 48%
- Providers were “Very Confident” in accessing:
  - CBT for Mood 19%
  - CBT for Anxiety 14%

Provider Satisfaction

- The procedures for obtaining a phone consultation were efficient and user friendly
  - 99% Agree or Strongly Agree
- Following the phone consultation I felt more confident that I could effectively treat this child’s behavioral problems
  - 98% Agree or Strongly Agree

Phone Consultation Case 1 Vignette

Young woman on an antidepressant became pregnant. PCP wanted help managing patient’s depression in conjunction with her current medication and pregnancy. MC3 psychiatrist assisted provider in creating a plan to best care for the patient and her unborn child.
Case 1 Provider Feedback

Provider strongly agreed with both of the following statements:
“The procedures for obtaining a phone consultation were efficient and user friendly.”
“Following the phone consultation I felt more confident that I could effectively treat this child’s behavioral problems.”

Phone Consultation
Case 2 Vignette

12-year-old boy on 6 psychotropic medications including: mood stabilizers, alpha-2-agonist, antidepressant, stimulant and a stimulant alternative.
Provider recently started treating patient and reported being “overwhelmed” with the medications and didn’t know where to start on treating the patient and removing what was believed to be too many medications.

Case 2 Provider Feedback

• Reported relief that CAP concurred that medications were too many/too high.
• Felt supported in treating the patient and moving forward in reducing the “pharmacological burden” on the patient.
• Able to translate the MC3 consultation to other patient’s in the provider’s practice.
Additional Provider Feedback

- I greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss patient management issues with an expert in child psychiatry. Though we discussed a specific case, our conversation will help me evaluate and manage many other patients. I hope this program will continue. It fills a huge void in patient care.

- I feel like I am able to translate conversations to other children I am seeing, thus not needing to call as often as I did in the beginning.

- Each time I speak with a doctor about the patient management I feel that I have learned something new and I feel more confident approaching the care.

Growth and Status of MC3

- Physician Champions
- Enrollment of
  - Nurse practitioners
  - School-based settings
- Expansion
  - Southeast Michigan
  - North Country CMH catchment area
- Telepsychiatry growth and implementation

What Have We Learned?

- “If you build it they will come” not the case

- Program evaluation requirements versus what is realistic

- Program implementation across systems
Next Steps

- Program sustainability
- Examine blended models of collaborative care
- Embedded care implementation
- Geographic Expansion
- Continued Program Evaluation:
  - Evidence-based psychopharmacology and therapy
  - CAP Satisfaction

Embedded Care

- Services provided in the PCP setting
- Type of Services
- Acceptance of Service by Patients
- Accessibility

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Questions?