Behavioral Health Consortium

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 5th, 2017
2:30PM-4:30PM
Delaware Public Archives

I. Call to order

Lt. Governor Hall-Long called to order the 2nd regular meeting of the Behavioral Health Consortium at 2:38pm at the Delaware Public Archives building.

II. Roll call

Lt. Governor Hall-Long conducted the roll call. The following Consortium members were present: Mr. David Humes; Mr. Jim Martin; Dr. Emily Hauenstein; Dr. Terry Horton; Ms. Becky King; Dr. James Ellison; Ms. Susan Cycyk; Dr. Karyl Rattay; Dr. Sandy Gibney; Dr. Joshua Thomas; Ms. Tamera Fair; Dr. Michele Marinucci; Mr. Michael Bryson; Dr. Avani Virani; Ms. Cheryl Douchette; Senator Stephanie Hansen (proxy); Ms. Julane Armbrister (proxy)

Members absent: Mr. Matthew Swanson; Mr. Jeff Horvath; Representative David Bentz; Senator Bryan Townsend.

III. Mission & Objectives

The Consortium reviewed the Mission and Objective Primer. Suggested revisions were communicated, including the need to include the term behavioral health more inclusively. All suggested changes were read back by Policy Director, Tanner Polce. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Susan Cycyk, seconded by Dr. Michele Marinucci. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Guest Speaker

Bryan Winward, individual in recovery and formerly incarcerated, shared his personal story.
V. Bylaws

The Consortium reviewed the By-laws document. Suggested revisions were communicated, including the need to have the mission statement be identical in both documents. All suggested changes were read back by Policy Director, Tanner Polce.

VI. Guiding Questions: Consortium Subcommittees

The Consortium discussed different committee structures and potential topics for the committees to tackle. The Lt. Governor informed the Consortium that the goal of the Community Forums was to gather critical data that would help develop the Consortium committee structure.

VII. Plan of Action for Statewide Community Forums

The Lt. Governor informed the Consortium that she would like to have four to six statewide community forums, which would be focused around group concept mapping. At each of the community forums guiding questions would be asked of the audience and the participants responses would be captured. The Lt. Governor informed the Consortium that a similar method was used in the development of the Delaware Cancer Consortium some years ago. Consortium members agreed to execute the plan and would be supportive of the action.

VIII. Public Comment

Members of the public provided comment and brought forth any issues they felt needed immediate attention.