



## **Behavioral Health Consortium**

### *Meeting Minutes*

Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

1:00-3:00P

Buena Vista, Bucks Library

#### **I. Call to order**

Lt. Governor Hall-Long called to order the 8th regular meeting of Behavioral Health Consortium at 1:07P at Buena Vista, Bucks Library.

#### **II. Roll call**

Lt. Governor Hall-Long conducted the roll call. The following Consortium members were present: Dr. Avani Virani; Ms. Becky King; Ms. Elizabeth Romero; Dr. Michele Marinucci; Mr. David Humes; Dr. Emily Hauenstein; Ms. Emily Vera; Ms. Cheryl Doucette; Dr. Traci Bolander (proxy); Dr. Sandy Gibney; Dr. Joshua Thomas; Ms. Tamera Fair; Ms. Susan Cycyk; Sen. Stephanie Hansen (proxy); Rep. David Bentz; Dr. James Ellison; Ms. Carolyn Petrak; Mr. Jim Martin; Dr. Becky Walker; Mr. Michael Bryson.

Members absent: Dr. Karly Rattay; Mr. Wayne Kline; Sen. Bryan Townsend.

#### **III. Story of Recovery**

Ms. Becky King, a Consortium member and mother of an individual in long-term recovery, shared her personal story and the impact addiction has had on both her family and daughter's life.

#### **IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Minutes approved unanimously.

#### **V. Delaware Electronic Treatment and Referral Network**

Ms. Elizabeth Romero, Director of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, introduced the new Delaware Electronic Treatment and Referral Network to the Consortium. Ms. Romero's consulting firm, based in Washington D.C., demonstrated

the OpenBeds software and provided context to how the system will ensure expedited treatment for those in active addiction and seeking a treatment bed.

## **VI. Delaware Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council**

Dr. Leslie Brower, of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, and Yolanda Schlabach, Executive Director of Zoë Ministries, Inc., presented the work of the Delaware Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council. Ms. Schlabach informed the Consortium of the current trafficking trends in Delaware and the impact trafficking has on our vulnerable populations throughout the state. Ms. Schlabach asked to have the presentation included in the official record and was done so without objection.

## **VII. Suicide Prevention Coalition**

Ms. Susan Cycyk provided an update on the Suicide Prevention Coalition, which included the Coalitions' key objectives. Ms. Cycyk informed the Consortium that the Coalition is working in partnership with the Mental Health Association of Delaware and continue to stress the importance of data surveillance.

## **VIII. Legislative Update**

The Lt. Governor informed the Consortium that the Governor has now signed all Consortium supported legislation. The Lt. Governor also informed the Consortium that the six committees, through their work, would develop legislative and policy recommendations, which will come before the full Consortium for further review and potential support.

### **I. Committee Update(s)**

- a) *Education & Prevention Committee:*
  - i) The Education & Prevention Committee plan to host a first meeting on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at Roma Restaurant in Dover, starting at 5:30P.
- b) *Data & Policy Committee:*
  - i) The Data & Policy Committee plan to host a first meeting on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at Connections CSP in Wilmington, starting at 1:00P.
- c) *Access & Treatment Committee:*
  - i) The Access & Treatment Committee met on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Hospital, at 1:00P.
  - ii) The Committee focused attention to the division of labor as it relates to year one priorities outlined in the Consortium's action plan.

- iii) The Committee scheduled a second meeting for Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00P, location to be determined.
- d) *Family & Community Readiness Committee:*
  - i) The Family & Community Readiness Committee plan to host a first meeting on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Delaware Public Archives, starting at 3:00P.
- e) *Changing Perceptions & Stigma Committee:*
  - i) The Changing Perceptions & Stigma Committee met on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at Buena Vista, at 12:00P.
  - ii) The Committee focused attention to the division of labor as it relates to year one priorities outlined in the Consortium's action plan.
  - iii) The Committee schedule a second meeting for Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00P, location to be determined.
- f) *Corrections & Law Enforcement Committee:*
  - i) The Corrections & Law Enforcement Committee met on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at Peace by Piece, at 1:00P.
  - i) The Committee focused attention to the division of labor as it relates to year one priorities outlined in the Consortium's action plan.
  - ii) The Committee schedule a second meeting for Nov. 1st at 11:00A, at Peace by Piece.

## **II. Public Comment**

Members of the public gave comments brought forth on any issues that needed immediate attention.

## **III. Conclusion and Next Meeting**

The next Consortium meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-3P, location to be determined.

The Consortium meeting adjourned at 3:05P.