



Behavioral Health Consortium

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 30th, 2018

1:00-3:00P

Milford Public Library

I. Call to order

Lt. Governor Hall-Long called to order the 10th regular meeting of the Behavioral Health Consortium at 1:09PM at Milford Public Library.

II. Roll call

Lt. Governor Hall-Long conducted the roll call. The following Consortium members were present: Mr. David Humes; Dr. James Ellison; Ms. Susan Cycyk; Dr. Sandy Gibney; Dr. Joshua Thomas; Dr. Traci Bolander (proxy); Ms. Carolyn Petrak; Ms. Cheryl Doucette; Ms. Emily Vera; Dr. Jennifer Graber (proxy); Dr. Avani Virani; Jules Emory (proxy).

Members absent: Mr. Jeff Horvath; Dr. Rebecca Walker; Senator Bryan Townsend; Mr. Jim Martin; Ms. Becky King; Dr. Karyl Rattay; Ms. Tamera Fair; Dr. Michele Marinucci; Mr. Michael Bryson; Ms. Elizabeth Romero.

III. Story of Recovery

Maggie Goonan, a family member who has a loved one with dementia, shared her personal story. Specifically, Ms. Goonan highlight the lack of quality resources for both dementia patients and the caregivers attempting to provide care. Ms. Goonan conveyed to the Consortium the many barriers to ensuring those who have dementia have the adequate level of care and spoke about the need to for additional treatment options.

IV. Lt. Governor's Challenge Launch

The Lt. Governor informed the Consortium of the official launch of the Lt. Governor's Challenge. The Lt. Governor further explained the Lt. Governor's Challenge will not only be a campaign to encourage schools, communities, and employers (social –

ecological systems) on physical fitness, but would extend to promote brain health, including mindfulness. The Challenge's main objective, to promote complete health, while highlighting outstanding work that is currently underway from across the state. The Lt. Governor indicated additional information is forthcoming.

V. Committee Update(s)

The Committee co-chairs provide an update, which include:

Access & Treatment: The Committee is planning to create ad-hoc subcommittee, focused in six topical areas. The subcommittee will be able to provide greater attention to the recommendations, with the goal of accelerating the work.

Changing Perceptions & Stigma: The Committee has had two meetings to date, with the main foci being: 1) Employment and labor opportunity; 2) Support the statewide awareness campaign (Project Purple); 3) The impact specific language can have on perceptions; 4) HelpisHere website.

Corrections & Law Enforcement: The Committee, through the meetings, plan to continue to prioritize the recommendations outlined and devise a plan to accomplish the priorities in a timely manner. The Corrections & Law Enforcement Committee also has a Veterans Response Team (VRT) subcommittee, which will begin meeting to discuss a statewide initiative that will promote and support VRT efforts.

Education & Prevention: The Committee held their first meeting, where a strength, weakness, threats, opportunity (SWOT) analysis was completed. During the first meeting, each of the priorities were discussed using the SWOT rubric, which provided an overview of each of the topics.

Family & Community Readiness: The Committee held their first meeting and began to review the first year priorities. Although the Committee has fewer first year recommendations, the Committee very much wants to support the work that will arise organically that support both families and communities.

Data & Policy: The Committee has outlined an aggressive plan that focus around a collaborative memorandum of understanding (MOU). The Committee plans to spend much of their effort in promoting a universal data system, which will allow governmental and providers to communicate more seamlessly.

VI. Public Comment

Members of the public provided comment and brought forth any issues they feel need immediate attention.