

Behavioral Health Consortium

Quarterly Meeting January 13, 2021

Planning
for 2021

Agenda

- 1) Welcome from Lt. Governor Hall-Long
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes and Story of Recovery (Angel Demby)
- 3) Consortium and Committees Plan 2021
 - Consortium Priorities and Process
 - Committees' Contributions
 - Unified Calendar
- 4) Education and Prevention Committee Work Group on Screening
- 5) Committee Updates
- 6) Policy/Legislative Update
- 7) Public Comment
- 8) Summary and Conclusion
- 9) Next Meeting

Welcome

- Consortium Reset
- Meeting Minutes Approval
- Story of Recovery

2021 Plan

- Consortium Focus
- Committees' Contributions
- Calendar

Consortium priorities in 2021

- Advocate for continued **harm reduction** methods via BHC funding decisions
- **Prioritize equity** and the elimination of disparities in education, access, support and treatment
- **Legislate** to reduce harm and increase sustainable effect on SUD

How the Consortium focuses on priorities

- Using equity as the guiding principle
- Preventing exposure to conditions that lead to SUD and its effects
- Promoting best solutions wherever we can find them
- Concentrating on measurable changes that will bend the curve

Tools to focus BHC work as a collective decision body

- **Accessing and using data**
- **Recommending actions to specific agencies**
- **Using collaboration as a catalyst**, linking agencies with common agendas
- Identifying and **supporting legislation** that focuses on priorities
- Identifying **measures of progress**
- Promoting **promising practices**
- **Funding programs and/or research** based on Committee recommendations

Committee Updates and Priorities

1. Continuing priorities from 2020, and what next steps
2. First priorities in 2021
 - Based on tasks outlined in the original report
 - Informed by current committee discussions
 - Requested by Consortium

Committees' Priorities in 2021

- Education and Prevention
 - Identify and assess mental health resources for children and adolescents in the state, look for alignment among agencies and identify gaps in the state that should be filled.
 - Recommend potential agency alignment and gaps to address for Consortium to support.
- Family and Community Readiness
 - Review and help align the recommendation of the DSAMH Aging Recommendations and the DSAAPD Aging Plan.
 - Encourage the Consortium to support implementation of the recommendations based on alignment.
- Corrections and Law Enforcement
 - Assess the current availability of BH/MH wraparound services for those leaving incarceration, to identify assets and gaps.
 - Recommend Consortium support for promising options.
- Data and Policy
 - Identify and assess opportunity to develop legislation based on the Mental Health Parity Report.
 - Recommend legislative priorities for the Consortium to support.

Committees' Priorities in 2021

- Access and Treatment
 - Assess current telehealth access for BH, identifying providers within the state and utility for BH services.
 - Develop recommendations for Consortium's action/support.
- Access and Treatment
 - Assess disparities in treatment that cause loss of access or ability to engage in treatment.
 - Provide recommendations to the Consortium.
- Changing Perceptions
 - Identify organizations or resources that can create a Cultural Humility learning opportunity as a CEU requirement for licenses professionals.
 - Recommend a course of action for the Consortium to support.
- Changing Perceptions
 - Assess current outreach efforts and recommend ways to track gaps in information outreach. Help inform the development of an outreach and awareness tracking approach.
 - Provide recommendations to the Consortium for forwarding to State agencies.

2021 Calendar DRAFT

BHC Quarterly Dates (meeting time: 10-11:30 am)

Wednesday, January 13th

Tuesday, April 6th

Tuesday, July 20th

Tuesday, October 12th

Other dates/deadlines will be in the comprehensive calendar
Will also include all committee meetings

Presentation

- Education and Prevention Committee
Work Group on Screening

Committee Updates: Co-Chairs' Comments

- Access and Treatment
- Changing Perceptions
- Corrections and Law Enforcement
- Data and Policy
- Education and Prevention
- Family and Community Readiness

Public comment

Adjournment

- Summary and Conclusion
- Next meeting: April 6th at 10 am

Thank you!

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