Behavioral Health Consortium

Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 8th, 2018
11:00A-12:30P
Delaware Public Archives

I. Call to order

Lt. Governor Hall-Long called to order the 6th regular meeting of the Behavioral Health Consortium at 11:07 AM at Delaware Public Archives, Dover.

II. Roll call

Lt. Governor Hall-Long conducted the roll call. The following Consortium members were present: Dr. Michele Marinucci; Ms. Pam Price (proxy); Dr. Rebecca Walker (proxy); Ms. Carolyn Petrak; Ms. Becky King; Ms. Elizabeth Romero; Dr. Karly Rattay; Mr. David Humes; Mr. Jim Martin; Dr. Jennifer Graber (proxy); Dr. James Ellison; Ms. Emily Vera; Ms. Cheryl Doucette; Ms. Julane Armbrister; Dr. Sandy Gibney; Annie Slease (proxy); Ms. Tamera Fair; Ms. Susan Cycyk.

Members absent: Mr. Wayne Kline; Mr. Michael Bryson.

III. Story of Recovery

Kim Jones, intake specialist at Gaudenzia, who is in long-term, active recovery shared her story and the impact addiction has had on her. More specifically, Ms. Jones shared the importance of quality rehabilitation services and community supports.

IV. Legislative Update

Dr. Rattay provided an update on the following pieces of legislation: Overdose System of Care (HS 1 to House Bill 440), Pain Management Treatment (Senate Bill 225), and Prescription Monitoring Program (Senate Bill 206). She expressed support and optimism in the passage of these three pieces of legislation by the conclusion of Legislative Session.
Carolyn Petrak provided an update on the Mental Health Parity (Senate Bill 230) and expressed support of the legislation. Furthermore, optimism of the passage of Senate Bill 230 was expressed by the conclusion of Legislative Session.

V. Committee Structure

The Lt. Governor provided an overview of the committee structure and instructed the public to reach out to staff if individuals are interested in serving a specific committee. The Lt. Governor further stated that committees will take some time to establish, but once formed the majority of the Consortium’s ongoing work will be led by committees.

VI. Path Forward

The Lt. Governor informed the Consortium that within the coming weeks and month, members of the Consortium and public would be contacted by staff to participate on specific committees.

VII. Public Comment

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

VIII. Conclusion and Next Meeting

The Consortium concluded at 12:48PM.