



Behavioral Health Consortium
Monday, April 1st, 2019
Senate Hearing Room, Legislative Hall
1:00-3:00P
Meeting Minutes

1) Welcome from Lt. Governor Hall-Long

2) Story of Recovery

- Ashley Petruno shared her story of recovery and noted the impact that long term recovery services and sober housing had on her recovery

3) Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes were approved
- Agenda was changed so that presentations would be given before the reports and updates

4) Veterans Presentation (Larence Kirby)

- Presented on veterans and their specific needs within behavioral health care
- 8% of the population are veterans and age range is 22-92 and thus have a vast array of differing needs

5) Memory/Dementia Presentation (Dr. Ellison)

- Presented on information on different memory conditions and framed dementia as a behavioral health condition
- Education and prevention for this issue is key
 1. Specifically among high-risk populations
 2. Promotion of healthy lifestyle: diet, exercise, adequate sleep and low stress
- Limited resources available in Delaware
 1. There is only one memory clinic within the whole state
 2. Need for more facilities and workforce
 3. Need for medicines (currently being researched)



4. Training and education for law enforcement and emergency personnel
- Issue of caregiver burden
 1. Supporting those who are taking care of loved ones
- **Legislative Reform**
 1. Addressing the first responder code (Chapter 50 Title 16) where dementia is excluded

6) Reports

- Mary Kane- Pause meeting
 1. Meeting with all consortium and committee members to reflect on past and current work and set goals for our path forward
 2. May 2nd at Buena Vista from 3-6pm
- Upcoming Pew Report
 1. Pew Charitable Trust is presenting their final recommendations and report
 2. April 4th at DHSS Chapel at 1pm

7) Legislative Update

- The Honorable Stephanie Hansen had a proxy discuss her current legislation (SB 34) on Opioid Impact Fee; it is out of committee
- The Lt. Governor provided an update on patient brokering which is being worked on and will be headed by Senator Brown

8) Committee Updates

- Data and Policy
 1. Met last month and have been making good progress on their year one goals
 2. Continuing to learn more about the data landscape through presentations
- Changing Perceptions and Stigma
 1. Having productive meetings and
 2. Working on workshops and informational event for those in recovery looking for work
 - a. Developing a list of recovery friendly employers



- b. Workshops could include resume building, expungement information and how to disclose that you are in recovery
 3. Working on taking Project Purple statewide
 4. Working on events for Recovery Month (September)
 5. Working on educating legislators
 - Education and Prevention
 1. Have regular monthly meeting and working on goals
 2. Have had various presentations on health curriculum within schools and on LGBTQ youth
 3. Also working with DSAMH on Mental Health First Aid: Youth Train the Trainer training
 - Corrections and Law Enforcement
 1. Reviewing first year tasks
 - a. Development of mental health training in law enforcement
 - b. Implementation of Governor executive order 26
 - c. VRT training is happening
 - i. Currently 62 officers are trained
 - ii. There is a planned training on April 15-16th
 - d. Discussing pre and post diversion programs
 - Access and Treatment
 1. Had a productive meeting that was focused on family and children
 - a. Learned more about trauma-informed efforts
 - i. Interested in reimbursement models and systems of care after children are identified to have experienced trauma
 - b. Had presentations on services and grants from DPBHS and the substance exposed infants program
 2. Looking to having presentations on insurance system and the impact of value-based care; also want to explore mandatory treatment for those who have experienced multiple overdoses
 - Family and Community Readiness
 1. Have an upcoming meeting next week



2. Are exploring the social determinants and how to better support other committees

9) Announcements

- Narcan Pods
 1. Wednesday, April 3rd from 1-2pm at the Springer building at DHSS
 2. Saturday, April 6th at Porter Center in Wilmington from 10-2pm
 3. April 22 evening location TBA with representative Sherry Dorsey Walker and Sandy Gibney
- Criminal Justice Council has a call for proposals for local government and organizations: information is [here](#)

10) Public Comment

- A member of the public spoke of the need for revision of ASAM criteria so that people can get the help that they need
- Another member of the public spoke about the importance of having more mental health providers in the state

11) Conclusion and Next Meeting

***This agenda is subject to change.**

For questions regarding the agenda, please contact Sydney Garlick at Sydney.Garlick@delaware.gov