



Behavioral Health Consortium Quarterly Meeting  
 October 17, 2023 | 10:00 A.M.  
 Buena Vista Conference Center  
 661 S. DuPont Hwy, New Castle, DE 19720

Topic	Presenters
<p><b>Welcome, Announcements, and Approval of the Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Announcement: Bamboo Health Behavioral Health Care Coordination Suite to connect providers in Delaware</li> <li>- Motion to Approve the minutes offered by Ruth Briggs King               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Seconded by Emily Vera</li> <li>o July 2023 Minutes Approved</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Lt. Governor Hall-Long</p>
<p><b>Introductions to the BHC Members and Co-Chairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New Members: Annie Slease, Dr. Rebeca Walker, and Rev. Carol Boggerty</li> <li>- BHC Committee Co-Chairs</li> </ul>	<p>Alexia Wolf, Exec. Dir. BHC</p>
<p><b>Update: Community Health Worker Certification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CHWADE Advocacy Committee               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Environmental Policy Scan</li> <li>o Fact Sheet</li> <li>o CHW Registry</li> <li>o Legislative Timeline</li> <li>o Key Stakeholder Meetings</li> <li>o CHW Certification Criteria</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Erin Ridout, Christiana Care</p>
<p><b>Story of Recovery</b></p> <p><b>Governor’s Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Military Veterans, Service Members, and their Families.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-led by Lt. Gov. Bethany Hall-Long, Ret. Major General Frank Vavala</li> <li>- Priority Areas:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Identifying SMVF and Screening for Suicide Risk</li> <li>o Promoting Connectedness and Improving Care Transitions</li> <li>o Increasing Lethal Means Safety and Safety Planning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Jason O’Connor, Veteran            Susana Cebula, Wilmington VA Medical Center</p>
<p><b>Division of Developmental Disabilities Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key Partners: National Center for START Services, University of Delaware Center for disabilities Studies, National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services</li> <li>- Projects: NCSS Service System Analysis and NASDDDS Capacity Building Institute</li> <li>- Next Steps: Workforce Training, Residential Services, Technical Assistance &amp; Community Resources, Waiver Structure.</li> </ul>	<p>Jody Roberts, Div. Dir., DDDS</p>



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## BHC Listening Sessions

Laura Rapp, Ph.D.

- Major Themes from FY23 Sessions:
  - o Accessing Services
  - o Once in Treatment
  - o External Barriers
  - o Trauma
- FY24 Facilitators and Community of Focus
  - o Women of Exception: Older Adults in the Black & Brown Community
  - o Dubard McGriff with Dubard Enterprises: Returning Citizens
  - o Alpha Kappa Alpha: Black & Brown community
  - o Love & Hope: Haitian Creole community and Latino community
  - o Churches Take A Corner: Black & Brown Community, Faith Based; Pastor Ty Johnson

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## BHC Committee Updates

- **Access and treatment**
    - o Assess, advocate and collaborate for adequate treatment resources.
    - o Raise awareness of Xylazine and care for those impacted.
  - **Changing Perceptions and Stigma**
    - o Identified 10 potential goals based on listening session data and committee input.
    - o Determine the focused goals for FY24 and create action plans.
    - o Monthly meetings being established.
  - **Corrections and Law Enforcement**
    - o Employ data-driven approach to improve outcomes for
      - Crisis Intervention Training and resources that increase ability to respond to individuals with needs.
      - Access to services while incarcerated and connection to services, care coordination during transition out of and post incarceration.
    - o Meeting regularly with VitalCore, new state provider.
  - **Data and Policy**
    - o Continuing efforts to guide and support the legislative and data-related work of the BHC Committees.
  - **Education and Prevention**
    - o Reestablishing monthly meetings.
    - o Promote strategies for schools and pediatricians to coordinate universal mental health prescreening and referral processes for youth ages 10 to 13.
- Dr. Sandy Gibney,  
Erin Booker
- Dr. Valerie Earnshaw,  
Beth Jeker
- Dr. Debra Mason,  
Chuck Sawchenko
- Dr. Meghan Walls,  
Carolyn Petrak
- Rebecca King,  
Sandra Syglowski
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- Promote and support the One Pill Can Kill campaign launched by DPH.

- **Family and Community Readiness**

- Strategies that protect a person's autonomy to direct their own care while experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Enhance access to housing and promote housing stability through a multi-strategy approach.

-Wade Jones,  
Dr. Joshua Thomas

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**Update: Overdoses System of Care / Addiction Action Committee**

-Joanna Champney  
Dr. Rebecca Walker

- **Overdose System of Care:**

- Naloxone Subcommittee: last 12 months partners have distributed 25,505 doses of Naloxone.
- Q1-Q2 2023: 14,831 doses distributed.
- Data & Quality Subcommittee.
- Acute OUD Stabilization Subcommittee.
- Rural Subcommittee.

- **Addiction Action Committee:**

- AAC Refreshed and Relaunched.
- Meeting Quarterly.
- Solidifying committees and co-chairs.

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**Update: Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission**

- Principles for Use of Funds:

- Spend Money to Save Lives.
- Focus on Racial Equity.
- Invest in Youth Prevention.
- Use Evidence to Guide Spending.
- Develop a Fair and Transparent Process for Deciding Where to spend Funds.

- Grant Award Cycles:

- Phase 1A
    - Budget \$3M
    - Opened November 2022, Closed December 2022
    - Vote and Approval completed April 2023
    - Total Awards: 41, final awarded total: \$2.8M
  - Phase 1B
    - Budget \$10M
    - Opened May 2023, Closed June 2023
    - Vote and Approval completed July 2023
    - Total Awards: 38, final awarded total: \$9.5M
  - Data Sharing:
    - Monthly Submission (15<sup>th</sup>)
    - 63 Evidenced-based Data Points
    - Individualized Awards: Compliance Requirements Submissions
    - Public Facing Data Dashboard
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- Next Quarterly Meeting: October 30, 2023
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**Public Comment, Next Meeting**

- Calvin, returning citizen and systems of care comments, address homelessness.
    - Event: Thursday Oct 19, 6:30-8:00PM hosted by Dr. Jay Macklin at Academy for Peace.
  - PREP campaign announcement from Aids Delaware: Are you PREPared?
  - MaryBeth Lohockey: barrier to treatment – adequately charged cell phone, charging stations, communication channels, and transportation.
  - **Next Meetings: Tuesdays in 2024: January 16<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup>**
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Adjourn

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