

New Jersey Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC)

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2014 10:00 A.M.

Attendees:

Winfred Chain	Harry Coe (P)	Ernst de Haas
Karen Kubert (P)	Phil Lubitz	Lisa Negron (P)
Marie Verna (P)	Helen Williams	Annette Wright (P)
Susan Brocco	Maryanne Evanko	Bianca Ramos
Marilyn Goldstein (P)	Connie Greene	Joseph Gutstein (P)
Donna Halworth	Renee Ingram (P)	Barbara Johnston
Bruce Blumenthal (P)	Ellen Taner (P)	Rande Thompson

DMHAS, CSOC & DDD Staff:

Suzanne Borys	Mark Kruszczyński (P)	Yunqing Li
Jeff Martin	Robin Nighland	Dona Sinton
Helen Staton		

Guests:

Rodney Belle	Jason Berenberg	Donia Delgado
Rashid Humphrey	Louan Lukens	Rachel Morgan
Alric Warren		

- I. Administrative Issues
 - A. Minutes from November were approved as written
 - B. Swearing in of present Community Mental Health Citizens' Advisory Board members Helen Williams, Ernst DeHaas, Winifred Chain and Phil Lubitz. The others not present will be sworn in the next meeting they attend.
 - C. In Depth Technical Assistance (IDTA) – DMHAS awarded IDTA for substance exposed infants by the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare. Dona will send out summary of the award.

- II. Consumer Survey Update – Mark Kruszczyński
 - A. 2014 Survey - 6,633 Surveys distributed (over 5% of all consumers in non-acute settings)
 - B. DMHAS received and processed 1,009 surveys received, about 18% response rate
 - i. 93% responded positively on social connectedness domains
 - ii. 94% positive response on functioning domain
 - iii. 97% access to service
 - iv. 99% quality and appropriateness of service
 - v. 91% outcomes
 - vi. 97% positive participation in treatment
 - vii. 97% positive general satisfaction with services
 - viii. 14% encounters with police reduced
 - ix. 4% involvement with police is the same
 - C. Questions/Answers
 - i. Q. Harry Coe – What about the bias in the survey because not everyone

Louann Lukens)

- A. Continued to review the recommendations from last meeting. Barbara Johnston gave an overview of the history of this process.
- B. Overriding motion to accept the recommendations as individually voted upon (motion Barbara and Helen seconded)
 - i. Recommendations under the services to residents row were approved
 - ii. Recommendation under Operators Skill Enhancement is approved
 - iii. Recommendations under Mental Health supports in the Home – altered to “DCA, in conjunction with DMHAS, oversees the development of services. MOA’s with agencies for trainings and procedures are needed to assist facilities in times of crisis.” Karen Kubert inquired if CEU’s/credits could be issued for trainings.
 - iv. Advocacy Committee recommendations approved
 - v. Recommendation in Improvements to Facilities is approved
 - vi. Recommendations under authority for safety and well-being in homes was tabled
 - vii. We’ll put this together in a letter to Lynn

VII. New Business

- A. Bridgeway is starting a primary care and mental health program. Ribbon cutting was last night.
- B. Member ship Committee will start meeting in 2015 to address increasing members from addiction side onto the Planning Council.

Next Meeting January 14, 2015