

New Jersey Behavioral Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes,
February 8, 2017 10:00 A.M.

Attendees:

Ann Dorocki	Darlema Bey	Phillip Lubitz
Barbara Johnston	Harry Coe (P)	Robin Weiss
Bruce Blumenthal	John Calabria	Thomas Pyle
Cheri Thompson	Joseph Gutstein	Rocky Schwartz
Christopher Lucca	Ksensia Lebedeva	Damian Petino
Connie Greene(P)	Michele Madiou	

DMHAS, CSOC & DDD Staff:

Suzanne Borys	Donna Migliorino
Mark Kruszczyński	David Sauder

Guests:

Alric Warren (P)	Greg Jackson	Rachel Morgan
Ashlyn Marchowsky(P)	Jim Romer	Louann Lukens
Julia Barugel (membership pending)		

I. Administrative

- A. Introduction
- B. Minutes accepted from the January 2017 meeting.
- C. Legislation
 - 1. New Opiate Treatment Bill
 - a. Mandatory 6 months of treatment (A3,S3)
 - b. Limiting 5 day prescriptions
 - c. New bill doesn't include all health plans not regulated by the state (e.g., Medicaid)
 - d. New Bill addresses 72% of insured population
- D. Certificate of Need (CN), Adult Open/Closed Voluntary/Involuntary Beds for beds to be licensed and operational within two years
 - 1. Collaborations with DHS. and Department Of Health
 - 2. Approximately 866 beds
 - 3. May 1,2017 – deadline for psychiatric beds
 - a. Approximately two years for new facilities to add on to a facilities (but no actual mandated time frame)
 - b. Loophole about extending Length of Stay for Consumers w/ Insurance
 - i. 5% patient days are Medicaid
 - ii. 5% patient days are free care
 - c. New beds can be used for other mental health issues

II. Subcommittee reports

A. Data – Substance Abuse

1. August 2016 – White Paper submitted, next steps will be discussed.

B. Advocacy

1. Obtaining info from agencies to develop a “Road Map”
 - a. To help consumers to obtain and understand information needed for finding housing.
2. Providers –more information on housing and resources
3. Budget Request
4. More Information on More Support for Military Families
5. CCBHC – Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers
6. Recovery Housing
 - a. Substance support for students (college)
 - i. Info on eligibility and housing
7. “Road Map” to better understand and access community housing resources
 - i. A booklet , pamphlet, or document that explains in the simplest form that Eligibility for Housing & Vouchers
 - ii. Capital / Funding
 - iii. Rental Assistance
 - iv. Services
 - v. Also explain the :
 - i. WHO to contact for certain information
 - ii. WHAT to do with the information once obtain &WHAT programs consumers are eligible for
 - iii. HOW to go about apply or receiving certain services (housing and programs)
 - iv. WHEN are certain deadlines to programs or services and WHEN a consumer can and cannot apply for services (eligibility)

III. Planning Council 101: Orientation for Council Members 2016 - 2017

A. Power point (see Phil’s PowerPoint)

- a. General information and history on the Planning Council
- b. Introduction & Terminology
- c. Block Grants Summary
- d. Planning Council History and Requirements
- e. Council Duties
- f. Resources

B. Comments

- a. Cultural Outreach
- b. Desirability of outreach to military families and veterans
- c. Development Disabilities (DD) populations and transitions. The transition to DCF taking responsibilities for young adult DD populations is new, relative to other systems of care.
- d. NJ’s Planning Council is a forward-leaning, cohesive and inclusive.

IV. Overview of the 2016 Consumer Perception of Care Survey (M. Kruszczyński)

V. Question and Answer/Public Comment

- A. There are no term limits to membership of the Planning Council; however there are term limits for the Chair and Co-Chair of the Council.

VI. Announcing/ Closing Comments

- A. Mr. Tom Pyle (BHPC Member and NAMI Board Member) will be presenting, "*Vanquishing the Vexation: Helping Families Navigate The Housing Conundrum*", on Thursday, February 23, at 7:00 pm, at Princeton House Hamilton, 300 Clocktower Drive, Hamilton, NJ
- B. Burlington County Childrens System of Care kick off
- C. Next meeting proposed agenda: Budget Briefing, Veterans Services, Olmstead Update

VII. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting of the Planning Council,
Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 10:00 am
222 South Warren Street, Trenton NJ 08625, Room CR-1000