

New Jersey Behavioral Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes,
February 10, 2016 10:00 A.M.

Attendees:

Winifred Chain	Harry Coe	Phillip Lubitz
Marie Verna	Connie Greene	Michael Litterer
Christopher Lucca	Michele Madiou	Patricia Matthews
Dan Meara	John Pellicane	Brenda Sorrentino
Ellen Taner	Mary Abrams	Gwen Carrick

DMHAS, CSOC & DDD Staff:

Suzanne Borys	Geri Dietrich	Yunqing Li
Donna Migliorino	Mark Kruszczyński	Helen Staton

Guests:

Rachel Morgan	Louan Lukens	Scott Campbell
Kim Doyle Maloney	Michael Higginbotham	

I. Welcome/Administrative Issues/Announcements

- A. Minutes from last meeting (1/13/16) approved with addition of approval of December minutes.
- B. March 16th is the Governor's Budget Address, a good deal of that may have to do with MH & SA, so you may want to listen to that.
- C. Beginning on 3/18/16, the Division will be holding meetings with providers on both SA & MH regarding fee for service.
- D. Marie – Question about minutes, can we resume the practice of documenting comments from and Q and A with members? . Phil – motions to include questions, recommendations in minutes. Approved.

II. NJ DCSOC : Juvenile Justice – Kim Doyle Maloney & Michael Higginbotham

- A. Power Point presentation – will be sent out to council.
- B. Question – Marie – Where might there be bottlenecks? At what milestones? What is the average length of stay? Answer – Kim Doyle Maloney – Depends, there are only 2 youths awaiting at this time in the entire state. May take 70 days. There is a system analysis to measure, should be complete. JJC should have it. In out of home treatment, average is 11 months, trying to get that to 9 months.
- C. Question – Winifred – Are all police stations aware of services?

Answer – Kim – We can't train all police, but a lot of prosecutors have done the training. Camden and Ocean counties but I can't say every county.

Q – Winifred – Can they request for you to come out & present?

A- Kim – We would have our local CMO's do the presentations but we have been really networking with the local police departments so they should know about how to access our services.

Q- Winifred – Can a parent request?

A – Kim – Absolutely.

A – Mike – That's Perform Care, a parent can call and see what's available. It's available 24 hours a day.

Q – John – If someone intervenes, are there delays in getting those treatments?

A – Kim – In terms of SA, there are many openings, severely underutilized, no capacity issue on our end and we can't figure out why.

Q – Dan – Are you tied into Rutgers.

A - Kim – No, SA up to 18.

Q- Ellen – Any counties still sending out of state for treatment?

A - Kim – No.

Q – Mary Abrams – on the vacancies on the SA services, isn't that different for the different age groups, for the older and the younger had the vacancies?

A- Kim – We don't do older or younger, it's just up to 18.

Q- Michael Litterer – Parents may feel there are greater leniencies with MH rather than SA, may be why there's many vacancies for SA.

A- Kim – They can access our services directly, not necessary to go through judge.

Q – Geri – Do you do presentations for particular groups?

A – Mike – Reach out to local CMO's, they're the ones that would handle that.

But if there's a statewide presentation that's needed, absolutely.

Q – Connie – The underutilization, is that equally?

A – Kim – Yes.

III. SAMHSA Site Visit on March 15 – Donna Migliorino & Suzanne Borys

- A.** There will be a joint monitoring visit March 14 – 18. The Planning Council Meeting will be moved to Tuesday, March 15 to accommodate the SAMHSA meeting.
- B.** Schedule of meetings will be sent out.

1.Q – Ellen – What can we do as a council to help you with these meetings?

A – Donna – You do a lot throughout the year, so talk about all the work that you do.

A – Phil – Attend the meeting on March 15, it is important to be here.

IV. **BHPC Subcommittees & Sign Ups** – Phil Lubitz

A. Sign Up sheets passed around.

1. Louan – Update on Advocacy Sub Committee – Met in January, we drafted a mission statement. We had a guest speaker, Ilene Polena (PATH), who spoke about gaps in services. We focused mainly on housing.

2. Donna – Suggests alternating Data & Outcomes with Advocacy Meetings.

V. **Announcements** – Phil Lubitz

A. Mary Abrams – NJAMHAA Conference on April 13 & 14, will bring info next meeting.

B. Public Comment – Scott Campbell – Reached out to many providers, they shared their experiences and concerns. They don't treat psychotherapy differently than PHI. They felt they had to include that even though patients were assured privacy. February 23, will meet with Valerie Mielke to share findings.

c. Concerns about technology regarding meetings in the new location. Phil received concerns from consumer that there's no longer a phone in option and concerns for consumers with disabilities.

Q – Mary – hard to hear at the other end of the room.

Q – Ellen – Can we rearrange tables?

A – Phil – Look into getting a phone jack in here.

A – Chris – Mics to pass around and a phone jack.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD

Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 10:00 am

New room location: First Floor Conference Room (CR 1-100A)