NEW JERSEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA April 8, 2020

This meeting will be conducted exclusively through conference call: 888.398.2342, Bridge# 9212343

Notices of the meeting were sent to the Asbury Park Press, The Times (Trenton), Bergen Record, The Press (Pleasantville), and the Courier-Post (Cherry Hill).

Planned Agenda

10:00	Administrative Issues/Correspondence Phil Lubitz	
	Review of Previous Meeting Minutes	
	A. Quorum reached	
	B. Minutes of March 2020 meeting approved with minor edits	
10:15	Update on DMHAS Valerie Mielke	
	A. Appreciative to all Staff	
	B. State Covid-19 website	
	1. 44K positive cases	
	2. 1,232 deaths	
	C. Consumer and Staff Safety are Paramount	
	D. Guidance Documents	
	1. Emergency Monthly Payments	
	2. FFS is suspended 3/1/20 to 6/30/20	
	3. Lump sum payments are being issued	
	4. Psychiatric Emergency Screening Services: consumers must still be seen	in acute
	settings.	
	5. Opioid Treatment Program (methadone, treatment and counselling)	
	E. Two COVID19 related grant applications	
	F. DHS Covid-19 website	
	G. Q&A	
	1. Impact of FFS suspension on 2020 DMAHS Budget: A: Not expected to	be
	significant	
	2. What is being done to provide payments for FFS Medicaid billed mental	nealth
	and addiction services?	
	3. RIST, is laundary an essential services? Call DMHAS 609.438.4352	
	4. Q: For physicians outside behavioral health space are there change	s to
	requirements for prescribing controlled dangerous substances A:	
	DMHAS has guidance documents	
	5. Q: Streamlining requirements of incident reporting. A: Val will pass this	

5. Q: Streamlining requirements of incident reporting. A: Val will pass this question along to Incident Reporting and Accountability Unit. There will not be a relaxation of whats reportable.

11: 00 State Psychiatric Hospital Update

Chris Morrison

- A. Gov M announced 46 staff and 30+ consumers tested positive for COVID19.
- B. Kudos to DOH State Hosp staff for persevering
- C. Minimal staffing used to flatten the curve.
- D. Telehealth/telecommuting.
- E. TPH and GPPH have been hit the hardest, AKFC and APH impacted the least.
- F. Trauma Informed Care and Self Care are being emphasized.
- G. Q&A

11:30 State Partners Involvement

Phil Lubitz

A. NJ Dept of Corrections

- 1. Rapid Spread of COVID19 to DoC employees
- 2. Social distancing practiced at all DoC facilities
- 3. Flexible work schedules for DoC to flattern the curve
- 4. Enhanced sanitation
- 5. All educational programs (group settings) halted.
- 6. Movement is being limited in DoC facilities.
- 7. Institutional transfers have been temporarily suspended.
- B. NJ Department of Education
 - 1. Website is updated NJ.Gov/Education/COVID19
 - 2. Resources for student wellness.
- C. NJ Housing Association
- D. NJ DDD
 - 1. X Positive tests, 1 Covid19 related death
- E. NJ Division on Aging
 - 1. The Area Agencies on Aging(AAAs) have closed all of their senior congregate meal sites
 - 2. All these consumers were transitioned on to home delivered meal programs if they were unable to secure food on their own, from family or friends
 - 3. Food, grocery shopping and medical transport for dialysis and cancer treatment and the need for volunteers has risen to the top needs the AAAs
 - 4. Our Home Delivered meal providers are still delivering meals at this time although on modified schedules (1,2 or 3 days a week). Although the staff & volunteers may no longer assist the seniors with meals or enter their homes. Strict physical distancing
 - 5. We are placing orders for Shelf Stable meals for our most vulnerable seniors.
 - 6. Consumers are being called through out the week to ensure they are alright and to avoid social isolation.

12:00 Adjournment

Phil Lubitz

Subcommittee Meetings 9:00 None

12:00 None

As a result of the COVID-19 situation subsequent meetings will be held on a quarterly basis. NEXT GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD July 8, 2020 via conference call: 888.398.2342, Bridge# 9212343. Subsequent teleconference meetings will be held on September 9, and December 9, 2020.