

**New Jersey Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 11, 2015 10:00 A.M.**

**Attendees:**

Winifred Chain	Harry Coe (P)	Michael Ippoliti (P)
Karen Kubert	Phil Lubitz	Lisa Negron (P)
Marie Verna	Helen Williams (P)	Susan Brocco
Irina Stuchinsky	Angel Gambone (P)	Marilyn Goldstein (P)
Connie Greene	Donna Hallworth	Renee Ingram (P)
Mike Jones (P)	Christopher Lucca	Pat Matthews (P)
Robert Paige	Ann Dorocki	Ellen Taner
Su Fen Lubitz		

**DMHAS, CSOC & DDD Staff:**

Roger Borichewski	Suzanne Borys	Bob Culleton
Geri Dietrich	Vicki Fresolone	Mark Kruszczyński
Susanne Mills	Patrick Roff	Dona Sinton
Helen Staton		

**Guests:**

Tonia Ahern	Greg Karlin	Louan Lukens
Rachel Morgan	Alric Warren	Joe

- I. Administrative Issues/Correspondence
  - A. January minutes approved as written
  - B. Boarding home legislation was signed this week by the Governor and includes the recommendations from the Planning Council
  - C. Swearing in for appointee of the Community Mental Health Citizen's Advisory Board member Marie Verna
  
- II. SHARP update – Roger Borichewski
  - A. CSP has done a great job implementing SHOUT for the self-help centers. DMHAS has taken over this role and the data system will be inclusive now for wellness and recovery centers for both mental health and substance abuse. The goal is to have it as a web based application soon. SHOUT will continue to be used until SHARP is ready.
  
- III. Strategic Plan Update – Susanne Mills
  - A. Distributed the current plans that are posted online and discussed each strategy and priorities within each strategy. Various areas are in progress under each priority or even completed.
  - B. The Stakeholder Communication workgroup has also a plan with its own priorities that are being addressed. These include stigma, website redevelopments, acronym documents, collaborating with the GCADA and Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma

- C. Questions and Answers
1. Phil Lubitz noted that family members are not directly addressed in the plan at this time
  2. Patrick Roff noted that the CRSP certification has been expanded to include addictions so it's now a dual certification
  3. Karen Kubert asked if the LCADA strategic plans get fed up to the State. A – We don't think they are at this point.
  4. Geri Dietrich suggested adding a link to the Children's System of Care on our redesigned website. The new site can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/home/>
  5. Karen Kubert stated that even mental health boards have plans, although they may be fragmented.

IV. Interim Managing Entity (IME) – Vicki Fresolone

- A. Starting July 1, 2015 there will be a single point of entry for addictions. The State has entered into an agreement with UBHC to manage addiction services. We have requested in the budget to raise the Medicaid substance abuse rates to make them equal to current DMHAS fee-for-service rates.
- B. The IME will be responsible for network management. The IME will not provide claims payment. Current mechanisms will continue as-is through our fiscal agent or Molina.
- C. The IME will perform utilization management, including initial prior authorizations and continuing stay utilizations, and care coordination through the continuum of care. The IME will also make referrals through a warm handoff whenever possible.
- D. Initiatives being managed at roll out not include: Drug Court, State Parole Board and Department of Corrections Mutual Agreement Program, Prevention Services, County Funding, Substance Abuse Initiative, and Department of Children and Families Child Welfare Programs.
- E. We are using the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) and invited guests as the advisory group for the IME. We held a kickoff meeting on January 16, 2015 with the PAC and a larger February 6, 2015 with the addictions practice group of NJAMHAA.
- F. Questions and answers
1. Connie Greene inquired how clients can access their care. A. Client is screened and then UBHC will issue authorization for assessment. The client can access care via a phone call to UBHC's phone number or by calling an agency directly.
  2. Ellen Tanner commented that we still do not have parity with physical health either. With the raising of Medicaid rates, are you expecting an expansion of providers or services? A. We are asking for more money to raise rates but there is no money to increase services. We are trying to better manage with what we have.
  3. Tonia Ahern – with the warm handoff, is the IME done then? A. the relationship isn't ending but we're not done planning yet.

4. Greg Karlin – What are the various prior authorizations **limits**? A. Currently we are looking at every level of care **to determine the appropriate authorization limits by service**. It will be different by level of care.
5. Greg Karlin – What about SAI? A. It is not in the IME. NCADD is the managing entity that does the authorizations in that project.
6. Phil Lubitz asked Vicki to provide monthly updates to the group and encouraged members to use the email address to pose additional questions (MBHOInput@dhs.state.nj.us)

V. Membership Committee – Chris Lucca

- A. The group met this morning. Our task is to update the BHPC membership.
  1. We request all current BHPC members who are interested in maintaining their membership to return their BHPC applications to Dona’s attention on or before 3/2/15. Dona will email the BHPC application to all current members after this BHPC meeting.
  2. Members of this committee will outreach to substance abuse professionals, providers and consumers as well as their families and provide this application to those who express an interest in becoming members of the BHPC. The committee wants new members to submit their applications on or before March 27, 2015. The committee will review all new applications.
  3. Our goal is to complete this process before 7/1/15, as a way to support DMHAS submission of the Block Grant, which explains our “tight” time table for the completion of current and new members applications.
  4. We will reach out to the Professional Advisory Committee, self-help centers, county directors, young consumers, and NJAMHAA, substance abuse providers, professionals and families.
  5. You’re welcome to contact Chris at work with any questions you may have.
  6. Alric Warren commented that it would be great to have families involved.
  7. Geri Dietrich asked if we wanted the application distributed to individuals with developmental disabilities. A. Phil suggested not at this time, as we’re trying to focus on increasing our substance abuse representation.
- B. Members of this committee are currently reviewing the BHPC Membership Manual, which is being distributed to members. This subcommittee welcomes current member’s review. Please send these Word documents to Dona on/before April 8, 2015.

VI. Announcements

- A. NAMI walk is on May 16, 2015 at Seaside Park.
- B. Ellen Taner reported on the recent meeting for The Coalition for Whole Health. Mike Botticelli is the new director of ONDCP and self-identifies as being in recovery. The Center for Medicaid Services has a new information bulletin coming out. Pennsylvania is now doing Medicaid expansion as well.
- C. Mary Haspel spoke last month and the Department of Children and Families has now scheduled to meet with her.
- D. Future agenda items

1. Discussed forming an ad-hoc committee to develop a map of what our planning entities in behavioral health are doing around the state. Bob Culleton will take the first shot at working on this in consultation with Karen Kubert and The Citizens Advisory Council.
2. We will have a budget presentation at the March meeting
3. A State Police presentation was suggested by Suzanne Borys on the “Journey to Crime” project.
4. Narcan distribution process and protocols for action to treatment was suggested by Connie Greene.
5. The Chief Justice has approved multiple committees regarding behavioral health concerns and it might be interesting to have a presentation from Steve Fishbein.
6. Geri Dietrich would like to have Liz Manley come back in the next few months to present on the Department of Children and Families.

**Next General Meeting March 11, 2015 at 10:00 AM**  
**Membership Committee Meeting 9:00 AM in 3-097**