

New Jersey Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC)

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2015 10:00 A.M.

Attendees:

Harry Coe	Phil Lubitz	Lisa Negron (P)
Marie Verna	Annette Wright	Bruce Blumenthal (P)
John Calabria	Irina Stuchinsky	Connie Greene
Joseph Gutstein (P)	Donna Hallworth (P)	Gail Levinson (P)
Christopher Lucca	Patricia Matthews	David Moore
John Pellicane	Bianca Ramos	Ellen Taner (P)

DMHAS, CSOC & DDD Staff:

Suzanne Borys	Geri Dietrich	Mark Kruszczyński
Elizabeth Manley	Dona Sinton	

Guests:

Margaret Cotoia	Ann Dorocki	Louan Lukens
Rachel Morgan		

- I. Administrative Issues/Correspondence
 - A. Minutes from March meeting were approved with edits as motioned by Marie and seconded by Geri
 - B. Swearing in of Annette Wright as appointee of the Community Mental Health Citizen's Advisory Board

- II. Ethics Presentation – Margaret Cotoia
 - A. Powerpoint distributed to members and emailed.
 - B. Everyone should replace their existing powerpoint in their membership binder with this version.
 - C. Margaret provided a very thorough and detailed the specific situations and ethics information needed for special state employees

- III. Children's System of Care (CSOC) Update – Elizabeth Manley
 - A. Budget for CSOC has no significant changes this year.
 - B. Behavioral Health Home (BHH) is the primary new service for this year
 1. Pilot in Bergen County went live December 2014. SPA for Bergen was approved.
 2. Mercer County went live February 2015.
 3. There will be an expansion for adults and children for BHHs based on the SPAs, with the Mercer SPA for February 2015 and the Cape May/Atlantic/Monmouth SPA for January 2016
 4. This service allows us to coordinate the care for youth with both chronic medical condition and behavioral health challenge.
 5. For adult BHH process, DMHAS issued a Request for Letters of Interest for a Learning Community with the kickoff on May 11, 2015, while for CSOC its include in the Care Management Organizations.

- C. Met with residential substance use providers.
 - 1. Changing reimbursement rate and contract deliverables as of July 2015.
 - 2. Residential agencies will need to hire new staff for this fee-for-service model.
 - 3. It's really about the education requirement that will allow a youth over 18 to stay in the CSOC with a waiver
- D. Finishing up a SAMHSA application for SED expansion. It will focus on out of home treatment programs. Hope to hear in the fall. DCF recently finished its review of trauma informed care in the department and this informed the application
- E. For our youth with developmental/intellectual challenges, CSOC has caught up on all eligibility applications
 - 1. Have data on utilization of family services across the state.
 - 2. Issued a request for qualifications on our website for individual supports. Intensive in home services are available throughout the state
 - 3. The data dashboard is also available on the DCF website
- F. Questions/Answers
 - 1. Q. - Barbara Johnson asked about the age range for the substance use population. A. Those under age 18
 - 2. Q. - Marie Verna – what are the qualifications and Medicaid reimbursement for wellness coaches in your system? A. Looking at using nutritionist for wellness coaches
 - 3. Q. – Dave Moore – What is the difference between the adult and youth BHH? A. It's really about adding the nurse and the wellness coach for the youth BHH.
 - 4. Q. – Ellen Taner – is there a parenting or family education component included in grant application. A – Yes and a youth component.
 - 5. Q. – Phil Lubitz- can you explain how the \$1.2 million grant to Cooper/Meridian is not in the FY 2016 budget? A. The Office of Management and Budget advised that it should move forward as planned. It was left off because it was an add-on and then removed last year. It's a pilot with the hospitals to help pediatricians for prescribing behavioral health medications. It's a collaborative.
 - 6. Q. Marie Verna – Does the collaborative include APN's prescribing? A. Not specific in that contract. More about the pediatricians and include the American Academy as a partner too.
 - 7. Q. Irina Stuchinsky – When will the collaborative be launched? A. Early summer I think, Mollie Greene at DCF oversees this project.
 - 8. Q. Barbara Johnston – Any thought to have consultation reimbursed at some point? A. Yes. Massachusetts does this now in their model and we will be discussing with the Division of Banking and Insurance.

IV. Membership Committee - Chris Lucca

- A. The group met again this morning and will meet after this meeting as well.
- B. Received 30 applications for membership and is reviewing each one
- C. Utilizing a group consensus approach to each applicant
- D. Will include upwards of 15 more members with substance abuse experience

- E. Hope to have the process finished next month so new members will be on board by the new State Fiscal Year

- V. Announcements
 - A. DMHAS is applying for a SAMHSA grant for medication assisted treatment
 - 1. Its open for 39 states with 11 awards expected
 - 2. Focusing on Ocean, Monmouth, Camden and Essex counties
 - B. Women's Intensive Supportive Housing RFP has been released
 - C. In depth technical assistance continues regarding women's services for substance abuse
 - D. Middle School survey will be conducted in the fall
 - E. Block Grant guidance is still not finalized
 - F. Consumer Advisory Group for individuals with mental illness, substance abuse and criminal justice involvement being organized by UBHC for May 6, 2015 in Freehold
 - G. Supportive Housing Association budget campaign to add rental vouchers was included in your handouts.
 - H. Future topics for planning council include PATH grant and suicide prevention

Next General Meeting May 13, 2015 at 10:00 AM

Membership Committee Meeting 9:00 am and noon in 3-097