

**New Jersey Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC)
Meeting Minutes, August 12, 2015 10:00 A.M.**

Attendees:

Harry Coe (P)	Ernst de Haas	Marie Verna
Karen Vogel-Romance	John Calabria	David Moore
Christine Fagan (P)	Connie Greene	Joseph Gutstein (P)
Donna Hallworth	Renee Ingram (P)	Michael Litterer
Christopher Lucca	Michele Madiou	Dan Meara (P)
John Pellicane	Bianca Ramos	Rocky Schwartz
Brenda Sorrentino	Irina Stuchinsky	Ellen Taner
Mary Abrams	Morris Friedman	Pam Nickisher
Sharon Harrigan (P)		

DMHAS, CSOC & DDD Staff:

Suzanne Borys	Robert Culleton	Geri Dietrich
Donna Migliorino	Mark Kruszczyński	Dona Sinton
Helen Staton	Laura Pierce-Foglia	William Barstow
Rosita Cornejo		

Guests:

Rachel Morgan	Rashid Humphrey	Donna DeStefano
Louan Lukens	Suzanne Miller	Kim Mulford (P)

Note: (P) Indicates participation via conference call.

- I. Welcome/Administrative Issues/Correspondence
 - A. Minutes from last meeting approved.

- II. Block Grant Application Overview (Continued)

Note: For purposes of today's committee review of the combined Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Block Grant (SABG) and the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG), the committee members referred to:

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- A. Presentation by Fiscal (William Barstow)

- III. Block Grant Application- Support of State Partners
 - A. Donna – We need to add a few more areas, will have them added today or tomorrow. DDD is one of the partners listed; they hired 3 transitional case

managers, one for each state hospital to facilitate the discharge of consumers who are DD/MI.

- B. Suzanne – will be adding language regarding a partnership with Veterans Services. We also have a MOA with Jill Williams (for smoking cessation). Also have a MOA with Rutgers to allocate funding for gambling treatment services.
- C. Donna - Section 16 – Recovery – Questions 3, 6, 8, still waiting to hear back from 2 people to respond. We will post the section soon.
- D. Suzanne – We talked about the older adult survey which we will be done by region. A veteran’s survey will also be done.
- E. Donna – Suicide Prevention Hotline – SFY 16 they want to see 25,200 calls come through, SFY 17 they want to see 25,400 calls come through. Supportive Housing Indicator – Target SFY 16 is 200 community based housing beds, SFY 17 is not available as of yet.

IV. Planning

- A. Geri – Step 4, the wrong strategies & planning on hard copy handed out, will update online.
 - 1.Question. (Rocky Schwartz) Unmet needs, mobile response, and outpatient appointments take 3-6 months. How has the change in the bridge for services done anything? Why the change?
 - 2.Answer. Geri –Has that been addressed at the Mobile Response Meeting? I will bring to Windy Davis.
 - 3.Donna- (reading an email) Gap = lack of funding and services for consumers who are 18-21 and aging out.
 - 4.Question. (Dave Moore, NJHA) When someone turns 18, they are no longer allowed in the funded CSOC system beds for children. There is a disruption in service, there should be some flexibility. There are some gaps, 18-20 year olds functioning as a 12 year old. Children’s beds go up to 18, but some individuals would do better in children’s bed.
 - 5.Answer: .John Calabria – Even a 17 year old, 6’3”person, can be an exception, we can issue a waiver. We would need to receive a request for the waiver for us to consider this exception.
- B. Unmet Needs – we will update this section with the input received from the Block Grant Subcommittee and then you can see it in WebBGas soon. We will send a notice when it is updated and then you can provide us your feedback when it is all updated.
 - 1.Q. Connie – Technical Assistance (TA) from Rosita?
 - 2.A. Rosita –Suggestions for TA
 - We could ask for TA on how to improve systems of care with QI.
 - 3.Q.Joesph Guttstein wanted a list of sentinel events at state hospitals.
 - 4.A. Rosita and Donna did not think that all the sentinel event information was public information but Donna indicated that she would check with the Legal Liaison

5.A. J. Pellicane suggested a providers meeting (to learn what subjects agencies would like TA for).

6.Q. E. Tanner suggested possible TA on [the role] of the Interim Managing Entity (IME) with regard to what role it will play, what systems it will manage.

7.A. C. Greene – [The IME] is a long way down the road.

C. Other Block Grant information

1.Geri – Data/Reports are online and broken down by county/month.

V. Announcements

A. Suzanne – reported on a submission of a grant. It is a 1 year planning grant, and DMHAS applied for the full 2 million. If awarded, after 1 year, then DMHAS is eligible for the demonstration program.

Next Meeting of the BHPC,
Wednesday, September 9, 10:00 am.
222 South Warren Street, 3rd floor, Room 3-000