



Quarterly Provider Meeting

December 12, 2024

Behavioral Health Integration

Vicki Fresolone provided an update on the Behavioral Health Integration, including the three projected phases. Phase I will begin January 1, 2025 and include outpatient behavioral health services. She spoke about provider readiness plans and the recommendation to enroll and be credentialed with all five MCOs. She provided the links below for information, resources, ongoing support and stakeholder engagement opportunities:

Webpage to the BHI stakeholder page:

<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/information/stakeholder/>

Send questions to:

dmahs.behavioralhealth@dhs.nj.gov

Bilingual Scholars Initiative

Dr. Elsa Candelario Elsa.Candelario@rutgers.edu presented on the Rutgers University School of Social Work's LISTA Certificate Program. The goal of the program is to increase the number of social workers who are culturally aware and responsive in their service provision with Latina/o/x. She shared a partnership with DMHAS called Bilingual Scholars to provide scholarships, stipends and support to MSW students who are bilingual to complete their practicum in DMHAS contracted agencies.

Find out more at:

<https://socialwork.rutgers.edu/academics/master-social-work-msw/msw-certificates/lista-certificate>

YouTube Playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bF2IAoaTxxQ&list=PLqxVMLvapPaOroCobgDqCUPspWT5rmZQ4>

Mental Health Pilot Diversion Program

Melaney Payne, Esq. melaney.payne@njcourts.gov from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) presented on the Mental Health Pilot Programs and their interface with New Jersey's court system to screen for mental health conditions and connect individuals to mental health services. She discussed preliminary outcomes and the success of the programs.

[Criminal Justice Reform \(CJR\) Pilot Initiative](#)

Dr. Rose Brown Rbrown@mhainspire.org presented the Criminal Justice Reform Program (CJR) also known as Mental Health Pilot Program at the Mental Health Association (MHA), highlighting the beginning of the pilot in Essex County and the Morris Mental Health Diversion Program. She touched upon the overview of CJR, the eligibility criteria, the courts, the process, and the challenges & successes.

DMHAS Announcements

Hepatitis C Training

Dr. Robert Eilers shared information on the DOH January 2025 webinar that will feature NJ hepatitis C data and program updates, presentations by four partners that highlight their testing and treatment activities, and next steps towards elimination and how to get involved.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 29 from 2-4pm

WHERE: Zoom (registration required)

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltceihpzwwEhdMJAIPzgOC2FBRrgv5hTQ>

NJ Crisis Support Toolkit:

The New Jersey Crisis Services Toolkit offers resources to empower the crisis support workforce to deliver strength focused practices. This Toolkit is designed to serve as a comprehensive guide born out of real-world experiences and insights from experts, providers, and persons served by the crisis service system. Within these pages, you will find a roadmap for understanding the complexities of crisis support services. Drawing upon lived experiences, evidence-based practices and innovative approaches, this toolkit empowers its readers to foster resilience, promote wellness, and build stronger, more resilient communities.

<https://alcoholstudies.rutgers.edu/wellness-in-recovery/wellness-training-learning-collaborative/organizational-approaches>

Assistant Commissioner Renee Burawski shared information on the following topics:

NJ Harm Reduction Coalition free training on Naloxone

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdOmspj8iG9D7Y5P2Kp_6xHGAt6Ktvdh?_xzm_rtaid=vrQv_uRRTxiknOqOf9jqNg.1733767416518.876fa85479b733d9855723270d817468&_xzm_rtaid=711#/registration

DMHAS RFP/NOFA Award Summaries

https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/provider/funding/rfp_awards.html

All slides presented today will be posted on the DMHAS's website:

<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/information/provider/index.html>

2025 QPM dates 3/13, 6/12, 9/11 and 12/11