



Governor's Advisory Council to the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Chapel – Herman M. Holloway, Sr. Campus
July 20, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Jack Akester, Helena Carter, Robert Daniels, Andrea Guest, Patricia Hill, Devon Manning, and Jim Martin

Members Excused: Patricia Ayers, Thomas Hall, George Meldrum, and Susan Phillips

Members Absent: Janice Jolly and Joanna Rieger

Associate Members Present: Lynn Fahey, James Lark, Bruce Lorenz, John McKenna, and Charles Sygowski

Associate Members Excused:

Associate Members Absent: Florence Alberque, Lisa Furber, Dan Hoefman, and Edie McCole,

Interested Parties Present: Elizabeth Booth, Mary Beth Cichocki, Willard Heuser, Bryce Hewlett, Ed L., William Mason, Anne Slease, Greg Valentine, Norman Vetter, Clarence Watson, and Bo W.

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order/Introductions	Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 9:10am and welcomed everyone in attendance. Meeting participants were invited to introduce themselves and share their affiliation.	
Review and Approval of Minutes		May minutes were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.
Chairman's Report	Chairman Jim Martin introduced two guests who accompanied him to the meeting and indicated Bo W. and Ed L. would be speaking later in the meeting. Chairman Jim Martin reported the Governor's Office still has Jim Lafferty and Jack Akester as members of the GAC. Chairman Jim Martin requested Jack Akester to stay on and give	

	<p>reports.</p> <p>Chairman Jim Martin asked Mary Beth Cichocki to report on SB 48. Mary Beth reported Governor Carney will be signing SB 48 into law today. SB 48 states <i>a pharmacist who dispenses naloxone under an established set of circumstances is not subject to disciplinary or other adverse action under any professional licensing statute or criminal liability, or liable for damages related to injuries or death sustained in connection with administering the drug, unless it is established that the pharmacist caused the injuries or death willfully, wantonly, or by gross negligence.</i></p>	
Standing Committee Reports:		
DPC Advisory Committee	<p>Norm Vetter reported DPC has increased their nursing staff. When Norm started DPC had a number of nursing vacancies. Norm reported on the recruitment efforts for nursing staff. In May, there was a CMS survey at DPC that found minor issues. The corrective plan of action was shared with the council. DPC is encouraging clients to attend the Recovery Academy. Clients are encouraged to share what their needs and interest are with staff so these items may be incorporated into the Academy. Attendance in the Academy is running between 70% – 80%.</p>	
Children’s Committee	<p>Helena Carter reported July 11, 2017, the children’s department started a new mobile response program for families in distress. The phone number is 800-969-HELP. The program members will arrive and try to diffuse the situation. The family is informed of the services available for their particular situation and the response team will do a follow-up visit.</p>	
Employment Committee	<p>Andrea Guest reported the department is in the process of</p>	

	<p>implementing the Workforce Opportunity Act. The department has received an influx of funds for youth with mental illness/disability concerns. There are career counselors for 14 year olds in each county in Delaware and that will be expanding. The department is re-enacting the Peer Support program for employment. Andrea states that clinical services need to realize employment is critical to a person's recovery.</p>	
Membership Committee	<p>No report given due to the absence of committee representation. Chairman Jim Martin asked Jack Akester to continue as chairman of the membership committee. Jack Akester agreed to stay on until a replacement can be found.</p>	
Community Services Committee	<p>No report given due to the absence of committee representation. Chairman Jim Martin introduced Bo W. who spoke about his personal experiences with addiction and how it adversely affected his life. He gave his perspective on the importance of structure and employment to recovery. Bo believes it would really help when people get out of a program they have something to do. He is looking for work right now to maintain structure in his life. Andrea Guest inquired if at any time during his programs he was offered employment services to which he replied "no". She expressed an interest in speaking with him after the meeting.</p> <p>Chairman Martin introduced Ed L. Ed works out of the Milford office of Brandywine Counseling & Community Services (BCCS). Ed reports BCCS will be implementing a one stop shop which will provide substance abuse, mental health, and re-entry services. This would allow everyone to be taken care of in one location. The program would be for those just out of prison or</p>	

	<p>about to leave prison. It is a fact, 80% of those coming out prison are not prepared for community life. BCCS is planning to go into level 4 and 5 facilities to identify individuals who would benefit from BCCS services. BCCS's goal is to make individuals whole and productive members of society.</p> <p>Chairman Jim Martin introduced Pat H., who reported on the Hopes & Dreams Peer Resource Center. The center is developing re-entry programs that aim to get people off the streets and engaged in productive activity. The center is located at 621 W. Division Street, Dover, DE with the hours presently 8:30am – 4:30pm. Hopes & Dreams offer a variety of resources, classes, groups, and programs to improve the quality of life. In the future, the center will have a free bike giveaway aimed towards improving transportation access for those in need, provide clothes for those individuals going on job interviews, and have a washer and dryer available at the center.</p>	
Budget Committee	James Lark reports budget committee progress has been minimal but he has finally received DSAMH's budget. He will meet with the budget committee next week to review the budget.	
Old Business	None	
New Business	Andrea Guest mentioned the passing of Penny Chelucci who was the Director of Community Affairs. Penny had a long record of helping the mental health and substance abuse communities. She helped those throughout Delaware tremendously.	
Public Comment	None	
Meeting Adjourned	A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.	The committee approved the adjournment

