



# Governor's Advisory Council to the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Chapel – Herman M. Holloway, Sr. Campus

May 17, 2018 9:00 a.m. – 11:00am

**Members Present:** Patricia Ayers, Helena Carter, Patricia Hill, Ira Kalbrosky, Devon Manning, Jim Martin, Daniel Meadows, George Meldrum, Kim Pettyjohn, and Susan Phillips

**Members Excused:** Jack Akester, Andrea Guest, and Thomas Hall

**Members Absent:** Robert Daniels, Janice Jolly, and Joanna Rieger

**Associate Members Present:** Lynn Fahey, James Larks, and Bruce Lorenz

**Associate Members Excused:**

**Associate Members Absent:** Florence Alberque, Lisa Furber, Dan Hoefman, Edie McCole, John McKenna, and Charles Sygowski

**Interested Parties Present:** Elizabeth Booth, Mary Beth Cichocki, Emily Vera, Clarence Watson, George Braunstein, Elizabeth Romero, Summer Post, Mike Gavula, Jenn Ford, Cara Sawyer, Greta Browing, and Kim Jones

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order/Introductions	Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 9:07am and welcomed everyone in attendance. Meeting participants were invited to introduce themselves and share their affiliation.	
Review and Approval of Minutes		March's minutes were approved with the notation that James Larks' name is spelled with an "s" and there was representation of the Budget committee but they had no activity to report.

<p>Chairman's Report</p>	<p>Chairman Jim Martin reported on the Behavioral Health Consortium's three year action plan to help support Delawareans. Addiction is at the forefront of the consortium's focus. Chairman Jim Martin thinks the GAC will be a big part of the committee's work. The plan is to increase prevention, treatment, and follow-up care for substance abuse and mental illness in Delaware.</p> <p>Chairman Jim Martin introduced Greta B. Greta gave her life story about her journey with mental illness. She reported on the difficulties of getting services for substance abuse and mental health. She thanked DSAMH for all their assistance in helping her and her family members.</p>	
<p>Director's Report</p>	<p>Director Elizabeth Romero reported on the content of the Behavioral health Consortium and how it allows for feedback and comment from all around the state. There is going to be an electronic referral system launched this summer. Open Beds is an online referral system which is HIPAA-compliant.</p> <p>The RFP is out for the "Centers of Excellence" and it is about to be awarded.</p> <p>Director Elizabeth Romero introduced Dr. Clay Watson. Dr. Watson reported on the medical residency training program. The hope is that it will help to increase the clinical workforce in Delaware. Right now there are 16 residents. Residents now can work with providers in the community (moonlighting) starting the second half of their fourth year. There is an idea that letting them start earlier might increase the probability of them staying in Delaware. Dr. Watson reported that Dr. Sherry Nykiel, Addiction Psychiatrist, is enriching the curriculum of residency by adding some items to the program. Applications for residency are processed starting November.</p>	

<b>Standing Committee Reports:</b>		
DPC Advisory Committee	Director Elizabeth Romero introduced George Braunstein as the interim director of DPC. George reported that he had over 40 years' experience with hospitals and community behavioral health administration. He has been a provider, nurse practitioner in psychology, licensed psychotherapist and teacher. His goal is to assist DPC in creating some "Standards of Care" that will become part of how they regularly do business. He believes that state hospitals are a continuum of care not warehouses. He will also help with recruitment and retention.	
Children's Committee	Helena Carter reported Legacy's contract as the crisis provider for the Children's Department will expire May 30 <sup>th</sup> and Delaware Guidance will pick it up from there. There are meetings underway to discuss transition and the handoff.	
Employment Committee	No report given due to the absence of committee representation	
Membership Committee	Chairman Jim introduced Trish Hill as the vice-chair for the GAC. Kim Jones introduced herself and gave a brief overview of Gaudenzia. She is interested in becoming an associate member. Kim Pettyjohn is a new full member of the GAC.	
Community Services Committee	Trish Hill is chairing this committee and nominated Jenn Ford who is with NAMI to co-chair. Jenn reported on some upcoming events like the Hispanic Historical Event, veterans park, mental health fair, and a seminar on health living.	
Budget Committee	James Larks states there was no formal report. The goal of this committee is to revisit the mission of the budget committee in the by-laws. Also, he expressed the desire to review the DSAMH budget to know which funds are being allocated to providers.	
Old Business	None	
New Business	None	
Public Comment	None	
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting was adjourned at 10:50a.m.	