



Behavioral Health Consortium Minutes

Date: July 18, 2023

Location: Delaware Technical Community College -Stanton Campus & Zoom

Address 400 Stanton-Christiana Rd. Newark, DE 19713

Attendees:

BHC Members attending: Lt. Gov. Hall-Long, Julia Lawes proxy for AG Jennings, Kate Brookins proxy for Joanna Champney, Matthew Swanson, Jennifer Smolowitz, Debra Mason proxy for Erin Booker, Richard McCabe proxy for Patrick Ogden, Emily Vera, Ken Branner, Sandra Gibney Joshua Thomas-Acker, Emily Vera proxy for James Ellison, Jennifer Graber, Avani Virani, Debra Mason, Cheryl Doucette, Wade Jones, Stephanie Hansen, Eric Buckson, Mimi Minor Brown, Ruth Briggs King, Carolyn Petrak, Elizabeth Brown, Sandra Salwsky proxy for Rebecca King

Public attending: NBC10, Cpl. Colleen Kearns, Janice James-Webb, Karen DiNardo, Robert Ray, Hannah Edelman, John Dodd, Patrick Smith, Corinthia Pierce, Sherry Nykiel, La Vaida Owens-White, Barbara Messick, Christina Bryan, MaryBeth Cichocki, Harris Marx, Hope Ellsworth, Lydia Deleon, Aileen Fink, Yvonne Bunch, Jordan Weisman, Mariann Kenville-More, Sue Ryan, Courteney Dixon, Kathleen Seipel, Izzi Hughes, Sparkles, Lynn Morrision, Delaware HIV Planning Council, Dr. Elmer Yu, Shawna Mayles, Mark Fowser, Pam Price, Lizzie Lewis Zubaca, Teri Lawler, Wale, Mark Briggs, Dan O’Connell, Evelyn Hayes, Kristin Dwyer, Becky Calvello, Brett Taylor, Celeste Peart, Cynthia, Darryl chambers, Doug Hamilton, Doug Tynan, Erin Willis, Fiona Pando, Jonny Pederson, Kelly, Kim Blanch, Kristin Dwyer, Lisa Johnson, Margaret Guy, Noel Duckworth, Quinn Kirkpatrick, Sue Ryan, Susan, Theresa Vial, Verity Watson, Zoom User, Frank Hawkins, Mike Duffy, Mike Webster, Valarie Tickle, Jerome Herlihy, Bill Mason, Beth Jeker, Joe Edelen, Alta Porterfield,

Staff: Alexia Wolf, Andrew Thurn, Keith Warren, Susan Holloway, Liz Richards, Letty Santarelli, Laura Rapp, Josh Koppel, Adrienne Wallace

Topic	Presenters
Welcome	Lt. Governor Hall-Long
Announcements and Approval of Minutes	Lt. Governor Hall-Long
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Ruth Briggs King moved to approved minutes of April 18, 2023 meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Jennifer Graber seconded the motion. ○ Appropriate number in favor, with no abstentions or objections, motion carries for approval. • Rep. Ruth Briggs King moved to approved minutes of January 18, 2023 meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sen. Stephanie Hansen seconded the motion. ○ Appropriate number in favor, with no abstentions or objections, motion carries for approval. 	
Discussion and Vote: POSDC Phase 1B Grant Application Recommendations	Lt. Governor Hall-Long, Susan Holloway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evidence based assessments based on Johns Hopkins Model: awardees are required to report on 67 data points to help determine return on investments. ○ Recommendations reflect consideration of geographic and equity parity. ○ Technical Assistance arm opened for application process. 	

Motion

- Rep. Ruth Briggs King moved to add amendment to Phase 1B Grant Application funding approval predicated on the Office of Management and Budget and Delaware Dept. of Justice reviews and concurrence of applicant Our Youth Inc.
 - Motion seconded by Sen. Stephanie Hansen
 - Appropriate number in favor, with no abstentions or objections, motion carries for amendment.

Vote

Roll Call vote to approve 36 grant applications in Phase 1B.

- 23 in favor, 1 objection, 0 abstained: motion carried for approval of 36 grant applications in Phase 1B.

Roll Call vote to approve DHSS Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health's (DSAMH) grant application in Phase 1B.

- 22 in favor, 1 objection, 1 abstained: motion carried for approval of DSAMH's grant application in Phase 1B.

Roll Call vote to approve Christiana Care's grant application in Phase 1B.

- 22 in favor, 1 not voting, 1 abstained: motion carried for approval of Christiana Care's grant application in Phase 1B.

Recovery Speaker – will be rescheduled.

Dual Xyazine and Fentanyl Test Strip Pilot Program

Lt. Governor Hall-Long

- SIVAD Diagnostic Medical Group, Gibney Mobile Healthcare, Brandywine Counseling and Community Services partnering with Lt. Gov. Office on pilot program.
- Dr. Morrison and Dr. Gibney say individuals on the street appreciate access to this tool and it is being used.

BHC Listening Sessions Preliminary Findings

Dr. Laura Rapp

- 19 hybrid sessions between January and June 2023
- Initial Thematic Analysis:
 - Accessing Services
 - Once in Treatment
 - External Barriers
 - Trauma

Next Steps: additional analysis of Listening Tours, crosswalk the information to the committee areas of focus and provide information to



BHC and aligned committees to plan how it informs actions moving forward.

Updates:

Kate Brookins

Overdose System of Care

- Statewide EMS/Paramedic Buprenorphine and Suboxone induction program.
- Extended Pharmacy Hours
- Substance Use Treatment CEU's for Treatment Providers
- Naloxone distribution by county
- Next meeting is September 21, 2023

Addiction Action Committee

- Official Relaunch Meeting in October.
- Leadership and membership are outlined by HB 220 (2017)
- Co-Chaired by DSAMH and DPH
- Past/Current Focus: Refresh list of proposed appointments and designees
- Upcoming Focus: confirm participant list and create strategic plan.
- Subcommittees likely include: Access to Treatment, Specialty Populations, Harm Reduction, Youth Substance Use Prevention and Treatment, Safe Prescribing & Non Opioid Pain Management.

BHC Committee Updates

Lt. Governor Hall-Long

Access & Treatment

Changing Perceptions & Stigma

Corrections & Law Enforcement

- Individuals released not receiving medication allowance of 30 days.
- Individuals incarcerated not considered 'homeless' until they are officially released, aiming to resolve issue to find housing before release.
- Crisis management incorporation in police departments.

Data & Policy

- HB 160 passed 6/28/2023: act provides framework to maximize the benefits of 988 (suicide hotline) through the implementation of a practical, modern, comprehensive, and integrated crisis care system.
 - SB 52 passed 6/29/2023: Act to amend title 29 relating to sterile needle and syringe exchange program.
 - HB 114 passed 6/30/2023: Act to amend titles 16 and 25 of code relating to recovery housing.
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- HB 4 passed 6/29/2023: Act to amend title 14 of code relating to mental health services for school trauma.

Education & Prevention

- Implement universal screening tools for school age children in process.

Family & Community Readiness

Public Comments

Lt. Governor Hall-Long

Harris Marks: Son has schizophrenia and suggests a policy change that requires such individuals to be handcuffed during transportation to hospitals or between health care facilities.

Marc Briggs: What is the process of reallocating funds to a different applicant who was not funded if funds are refused or not awarded for cause?

Sparkels: Are there only 3 levels of funding available?

- Focus areas are set for the first year, other levels will be available in future.

Adjourn

Lt. Governor Hall-Long

- Sen. Stephanie Hanson moved to adjourn meeting.
 - Dr. Jennifer Graber seconded the motion.
 - Appropriate number in favor, with no objections, motion carries.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2023.

* For questions regarding the meeting minutes, please contact Alexia Wolf
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