



Corrections and Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Behavioral Health Consortium

Date: 2/28/24	Location: Virtual Meeting
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm	ID: 894 8544 1639
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Attendees: Co-Chair Dr. Debra Mason, Co-Chair Chuck Sawchenko, Gregory Farrington, John Dodd, Angela Llyod, Philisa Weidlein-Crist, Khalil Abdar-Rashid, Bria Greenlee, Brian Faulkner, Stuart Hudson, Paul Shavack, Michael Records, Shane Troxler, Jessica Cline, Valerie Tickle, Kate Brookins, Ryan Leonardo, Jerome Herlihy
Staff: Laura Rapp, Alexia Wolf, Cathy Bedenbaugh, Riley Feinour

Topic 1: Welcome and Introductions

Presenter – Co-Chair Dr. Debra Mason and Chuck Sawchenko

- Co-Chair Sawchenko called the meeting to order.
- Co-Chair Sawchenko and Co-Chair Dr. Mason welcomed attendees.

Topic 2: Review and Approve Minutes

MOTION: Co-Chair Sawchenko called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

- Dr. Debra Mason made a motion to approve the minutes.
- Minutes Approved.

Topic 3: BHC Updates

Presenter – Laura Rapp and Alexia Wolf

- Notes relevant to the CLE committee from listening sessions.
 - The importance of trauma awareness.
 - Individuals who were incarcerated may feel that the world has passed them by.
- The BHC is hosting a community health and wellness fair on March 16th at the CHEER Center in Georgetown, DE starting at 10AM.
- Delaware was selected to be apart of the Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative.

Topic 4: Committee Discussion on Goal: Data Driven Approach to Improve Outcomes

Presenter – Co-Chair Dr. Debra Mason and Co-Chair Chuck Sawchenko

Update on Community Based Recidivism Program

- Little to no data from courts that represent if the reentry programs are working.
- Unsure of the length of the reentry programs
- The goal of gaining data from the reentry programs is to make the system better after inmates are released.
- Open loop problem
 - The loopholes are not going to be closed in one step.
 - Need to anticipate the problem and close the gaps.
- Outcome data for recidivism is crucial and quality of life data is important to be considered as well (employment, housing, mental health).

- Concern that funding is going to programs that are not effective. Desire to promote and fund programs that are effective.
- Establish a possible partnership with other groups that are working on recidivism.
- DSAMH is beginning to look at overdose death and may have connected with PDP services.
- Focus on once that person goes to PDP and receives services, where are they a year from that moment.

Topic 5: Sussex Drug Court Changes Update

Presenter - Co-chair Chuck Sawchenko

- In Sussex drug court, IT is working to get individuals with substance abuse to drug court within 2 weeks.
- A peer from DSAMH was added to the drug court to assist with behavioral health services.
- The court works towards getting people into treatment.
- Putting together for Sussex county to implement the same changes that took place in the New Castle county courts

Topic 8: Public Comment

No Public Comments

Next Corrections and Law Enforcement Committee Meeting is Wednesday, March 27th at 1PM

Adjourn: 1:59pm