



Corrections and Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Behavioral Health Consortium

Date: 5/15/2024	Location: Virtual Meeting
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm	ID: 894 8544 1639
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Attendees: Co-Chair Chuck Sawchenko, Co-Chair Dr. Debra Mason, Bernadette Cawlo, Khalil Abdar-Rashid, Tynietta Congo, Cpl. Kearns, Nick Stonesifer, Calvin Davis Jr, John Dodd, Franny Marti, Terra Taylor, Paul Shavack, Kate Brookins, Michael Records, Lisa Johnson,
Staff: Alexia Wolf, Riley Feinour

Topics 1: Welcome and Introductions

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

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

Topic 2: Review and Approve Minutes

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

- Co-Chair Chuck Sawchenko made a motion to approve the minutes.
- Co-Chair Dr. Debra Mason seconded the motion.
- Minutes Approved.

Topic 3: BHC Updates

Presenter – Laura Rapp and Alexia Wolf

- The POSDC recommended 3-month Bridge Funding for existing grantees was approved on July 16th. \$1.9M was approved.
- The BHC is on social media to promote information from the committees, information on events and information on resources as well.
- The BHC hosted two Unity dinners in collaboration with Black Faces Black Voices.
- One dinner took place on June 24th in Wilmington and the other took place on June 25th in Dover. There was a great turnout and positive feedback.
- Two more dinners are being hosted. One on July 24th in Middletown and the other on July 25th in Seaford.
- The BHC was at the Kent County Health and Wellness Fair.
- Opportunity—DSAMH Health Equity Advancement Project
 - DSAMH has an opportunity to engage with the Health Equity Advancement Project initiative to address local health disparities, specifically racial/ethnic minorities who are impacted by opioid use disorder.
- The Education and Prevention Committee is reworking some of their goals.

- The Family and Community Readiness Committee worked toward the Psychiatric Advanced Directive, and it was passed by the House and the Senate. The committee is working towards way to implement the directive.
- The Changing Perceptions and Stigma Committee created a short survey that assess if individuals with lived experience are represented on the BHC.
- Participants emphasized that incarceration has an impact on the mental health of the individual, their family, and their community.
 - One individual shared that when a person is incarcerated (especially a parent) that it feels as though the whole family is incarcerated.
 - Families (especially dependents) may find themselves in difficult predicaments relative to their health and ability to access services if the person being incarcerated is the primary provider for the family.
 - Familial bonds are critical and are sustained through regular communication.

Topic 4: Goal 1.1: Connect and Protect Presentation

Presenter – Co-Chair Chuck Sawchenko

- Crisis Intervention Training sessions have been done with the Wilmington Police department.
- Some of the departments were able to take part in a course for autistic drivers to get them more comfortable with driving.
- Agencies are doing programs that work with individuals with substance use disorders and hiring clinicians.
- Want to promote these programs in other agencies.
- Searching for another department to get funding for connect and protect.
- Want to bring autism training to probation officers.
- All of the agencies in connect and protect collect data.

Topic 5: Goal 1.2: Resource Awareness and Discussion

Presenter—Tynietta Congo-Wright, Founder of Jameil Aikeen Congo Cares Foundation.

- A nonprofit organization
- Provides gun violence support groups.
- The programs talk about grief and trauma and how to understand grief.
- Round table discussions around gun violence take place.
- Goal is to have support groups and grief counseling incorporated into reentry programs.
- Foundations can provide mental health resources to those who need it.

Topic 6: State Agency Updates

Presenter—Franny Marti and Kate Brookins from DSAMH

- DSAMH in person provider meeting on July 30th at 9:00 am. The providers gather and talk about anything related to policy updates or new programs.
- Expanded public funding withdrawal management services in each county to provider detox for those under insured.
- As of July 1st, DSAMH has increased reimbursement rates for substance use treatment in Delaware.

Presenter—Lisa Johnson

- There is work with the DUI programing in Delaware, DSAMH is tasked with overseeing the DUI Treatment program.
- DTRN 360
- Care coordination bridges behavioral health and physical health to facilitate better patient outcomes.
- Trying to move towards open connected network to improve quality care to patients and to coordinate better with other care providers.

Topic 7: Public Comment

No public comment.

Next Corrections and Law Enforcement Committee Meeting is **Wednesday, August 28th at 1:00 pm**

Adjourn: 2:18 pm