



## Corrections and Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Behavioral Health Consortium

<b>Date:</b> 9/25/24	<b>Location:</b> Virtual Meeting
<b>Time:</b> 1:00pm – 2:00pm	<b>ID:</b> 894 8544 1639
	<b>PC:</b> 503283

**Attendees:** Co-Chair Dr. Debra Mason, Shane Troxler, Judge Herlihy, Michael Records, Cpl. Kearns, Capt. Diane Smith, Renee Beaman, Jessica Cline, Khalil-Abdar Rashid, Kim Kirk, Dr. Susan Holloway

**Staff:** Alexia Wolf, Laura Rapp, Riley Feinour

### Topics 1: Welcome and Introductions

**Presenter –Co-Chair Dr. Debra Mason**

- Co-Chair Dr. Debra Mason called the meeting to order.
- Co-Chair Dr. Debra Mason welcomed attendees.
- Co-Chair Chuck Sawchenko is absent from the meeting.

### Topic 2: Review and Approve Minutes

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

- Shane Troxler made a motion to approve the minutes.
- Minutes Approved.

### Topic 3: BHC Updates

**Presenter – Alexia Wolf & Laura Rapp**

- The BHC is now present on social media to provide information and updates.
- The BHC is updating their website with the Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission and the website will be live in the winter.
- On September 19<sup>th</sup>, a screening of “Silence on the Streets” took place in honor of recovery month.
- Relevant notes from listening sessions.
- Participants highlighter the unmet needs of individuals who have been released from incarceration. They emphasized that they believe more could also be done leading up to release.
  - Trauma: which may impact the individual’s mental health and ability to connect with others.
  - Housing: particularly transitional housing.
  - Education: opportunities and trade skills.
- The Family and Community Readiness Committee is discussing key aspects of implementing the Psychiatric Advanced Directive come July 2025.
- The Changing Perceptions and Stigma Committee has a half day meeting with institutions of higher education to support collegiate recovery. This meeting is to take place October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The Changing Perceptions and Stigma had a goal of ensuring individuals with lived experiences are represented in the BHC. The committee concluded their survey and results indicated that there are BHC members and voting members with lived experience. The committee will be coming up with recommendations based on the findings from the survey.

- The SB 94 legislative requirements on anchor location and committee member presence that were put on hold during COVID are now in effect.
- The two requirements to prevent a committee meeting being cancelled are.
  - Identifying a physical meeting location and post it to the Public Meeting Calendar 7 days in advance.
  - Ensure there is 1 committee member present at the physical location during the meeting.
- Committee members will be notified for any last-minute changes or cancellations.
- The BHC quarterly meeting is October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:00 AM. This is a hybrid meeting, and the in-person location is the Buena Vista State Conference Center.

#### **Topic 4: State Agency Updates: DOC, DSAMH**

##### *Presenter – Michael Records & Shane Troxler, DOC*

- In the newest contract with their current vendor, Vital Core, they had two mental health groups put in.
- Both groups are active at this time.
- One group is at the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center. It is a 90-day CBT group.
- The second groups are at Howard R. Young Correctional Institution. It is a mental health group that is 10 hours a week.
- The DOC with Vital Core is also putting in a 40-person cognitive community that will be focused on CBT and SUD treatment. It is its first program of its kind in maximum housing.
- Judge Herlihy discussed an article release on September 19<sup>th</sup>, regarding trends in overdoses and notes the importance of closely monitoring substance using individuals after they are released.
- Khalil Abdar-Rashid discussed in response that there's a gap in the system, which is that when individuals are released, their priority is not to go to the clinic.
- Khalil mentioned a grant that he had worked with alongside DSAMH to help individuals release from prison with an SUD get access to treatment. They were able to enroll 82 participants and 71% of them got access to treatment.
- Khalil also discussed the second issue is that there is a high demand of needs for services but a low supply of those services.

*No presenter available from DSAMH*

#### **Topic 5: POSDC Overview**

##### *Presenter—Dr. Susan Holloway, Executive Director*

- In September of 2023, there was a decrease in suspected fatal overdoses for the first time in 10 years.
- As of 2024, the suspected fatal overdose deaths have decreased, and these numbers can decrease with toxicology confirmation.
- POSDC Grant Fund Balances as of August 31, 2024
- Between the 1A and 1B POSDC Grants, there is a total of 74 awardees awarded \$12,436,135.00.

#### **Topic 6: Dying to Get Out: Death by Incarceration, Life, LWOP, & 'Virtual Life'**

##### *Presenter—Khalil Abdar-Rashid, Missed Opts*

- Death by Incarceration Summit is being hosted on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 PM-9:00 PM at the Correctional Offices Association Banquet Hall in Dover.
- 3 panels will take place during the summit.
  - A lived experience panel.
  - A panel made up of policy makers, senators, and lawyers.

- The third panel will include nominees for Governor and Lt. Governor.

### **Topic 7: Public Comment**

No public comment.

Next Corrections and Law Enforcement Committee Meeting is **Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 1:00 PM**

**Adjourn: 1:50 PM**