



Changing Perceptions and Stigma Committee Meeting Behavioral Health Consortium

Date: 4/19/24	Location: Virtual Meeting
Time: 2pm-3:30pm	ID: 894 8544 1639
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Attendees: Co-Chair Beth Jeker, Jane Donovan, Anne Carr, Bria Greenlee, Sharon Bell, Hannah Edelman, Annie Slease, Jodie Puzio-Bungard, Allison Burns, Desiree Surplus, Jessica Estok
Staff: Laura Rapp, Riley Feinour

Topics 1: Welcome and Introductions

Presenter –Co-Chair Beth Jeker

- Co-Chair Beth Jeker called the meeting to order.
- Co-Chair Beth Jeker welcomed attendees.
- Co-Chair Dr. Valerie Earnshaw is absent from the meeting.

Topic 2: Review and Approve Minutes

MOTION: Co-Chair Beth Jeker called for a motion to approve the minutes from previous two meetings.

- Annie Slease motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on 3/15/24.
- Jessica Estok seconded the motion.
- Minutes from meeting on 3/15/24 approved.
- Not enough members from meeting on 2/16/24 to approve the minutes. Laura Rapp will see what the next steps are to approve the minutes.

Topic 3: BHC Updates

Presenter – Laura Rapp

- The Family and Community and Readiness Committee has a goal to increase housing. Different housing providers have provided presentations and gaps or needs; the committee can work to fill those gaps.
- Fentanyl Awareness Day is May 7th.
- Relevant notes to the committee from listening sessions
 - Many misconceptions about Autism. Cultural competency training could help address this.
 - The importance of supporting people with compassion and empathy.
 - It is important to promote a sense belonging and mutual support.
- BHC collaborated with emerging teens at the Safe Screen Summit.
- Silence on the Streets is an upcoming event on April 30th from 6:00-7:30pm

Topic 4: Project into the Light

Presenter— Jane Donovan

- Project into the Light is a national non-profit organization.
- 10 portraits of individuals who passed from drug overdose have been include in the gallery so far.

- Looking to be more inclusive and include more people of color.
- Looking at creating a large exhibit of around 50 portraits
- All submissions can be done online.

Topic 5: Update on The Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative

Presenter—Annie Slease

- The initiative is through the National Governor's Association
- DE was selected along with 4 other states.
- Looking at toolkits and resources that other states have used.
- Looking into drafting a letter for different employer organizations and how to reach out to them to start the pilot.

Topic 6: Goal Updates

Presenter—Co-Chair Beth Jeker

- **Goal 1: Collegiate Recovery**
- Had a meeting with Wilmington University
- Wilmington University had questions about the vision and mission statements.
- Hope to send the missions and vision statement with Wilmington University
- Co-Chair Beth Jeker will send the statements in an email to the committee members to suggest edits.
- Updates will be coming.
- **Goal 2: Ensure people with lived experiences are represented in the BHC.**
- Working on identifying the mechanism to distribute the survey.
- Will be testing the mechanism before sending it out to the whole BHC community.
- **Goal 3: Support community stigma intervention programs**
- Awareness raising will be pivoting towards virtual for Fentanyl Awareness Day
- Potential recovery conference, Faith forward collaborative, May 15th, 8:30am-3:00pm

Topic 7: Public Comment

No public comment.

Next Changing Perceptions and Stigma Committee meeting, **May 17th, 2024, at 2:00pm**

Adjourn: 2:59pm