



Changing Perceptions and Stigma Committee Meeting Behavioral Health Consortium

Date: 6/21/24	Location: Virtual Meeting
Time: 10:00am-11:00am	ID: 894 8544 1639
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Attendees: Co-Chair Beth Jeker, Annie Slease, Karen Records, Jessica Estok, Emily Vera, Courtney

Staff: Alexia Wolf, Laura Rapp, Larence Kirby

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.

- Karen Records motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.
- Annie Slease seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved.

Topic 3: BHC Updates

Presenter – Laura Rapp and Alexia Wolf

- Two Unity Dinners are taking place. One is on June 24th in Wilmington and the other is June 25th in Dover. Both dinners will be shown the “Silence on the Streets” film.
- 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 collaborating with the Addiction Action Committee as they have a shared interest of addressing youth consumption of cannabis and they currently are forming a workgroup.
- Update on SB 309, The Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act
 - Creates patient-directed advance mental health directives.
- BHC Quarterly meeting is July 16th from 10:00am-12:00pm

Topic 4: Updates on the Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative

Presenter— Annie Slease

- Working with the National Governor’s Association along with 3 other states (Maryland, Minnesota, and Missouri) on a plan to bring the Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative to Delaware
- The initiative is about engaging employers related to SUD and recovery.
- There’s a primary focus on restaurants and construction industries.
- Looking at a pitch deck to show to potential employers and drafting an employer guide.

- Getting together in July with the other 3 states to discuss their progress.

Topic 5: Goal Updates

Presenter—Co-Chair Beth Jeker

- **Goal 1: Collegiate Recovery Communities**
 - Looking at a scheduled meeting in September
 - Meeting with all the institutions of higher education in the state of Delaware
- **Goal 2: Ensure that people with lived experiences and youth are represented on BHC Committee**
 - The survey was finalized and will go out through a couple different mechanisms.
- **Goal 3: Support and advertise community stigma intervention work.**
 - Discussed using the BHC's revised website to promote events and resources out into the communities.

Topic 6: Public Comment

Emily Vera mentioned having the Delaware Suicide Prevention Coalition meeting with the Recovery Readiness Workplace Initiative as they have some overlap.

Karen Records mentioned DSAMH is in the process of creating a marketing video that will go on Help is Here to use as a promotional tool.

Next Changing Perceptions and Stigma Committee meeting, **July 19th at 10:00am**

Adjourn: 10:39am