



Family and Community Readiness Committee Meeting Behavioral Health Consortium

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| Date: 7/8/24 | Location: Virtual Meeting |
| Time: 9:00am-10:00am | ID: 894 8544 1639 |
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Attendees: Chair Wade Jones, Liz Booth, Dana Holz, Bernice Edwards

Staff: Alexia Wolf, Laura Rapp, Riley Feinour

Topics 1: Welcome and Introductions

Presenter – Chair Wade Jones

- Chair Wade Jones called the meeting to order.
- Chair Wade Jones greeted and welcomed attendees.

Topic 2: Review and Approve Minutes

MOTION: Chair Wade Jones called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meetings.

- Bernice Edwards motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meetings.
- Dana Holz seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved.

Topic 3: BHC Updates

Presenters – Alexia Wolf and Laura Rapp

- The BHC was present at the Unity Dinners in partnership with Black Faces Black Voices on June 24th and June 25th. There will be future dinners on July 24th and July 25th. Location is to be announced but one dinner will be in Middletown and the other in Sussex County.
- The BHC is now present on social media to provide information and updates.
- The BHC will be present at the Kent County Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, July 13th at Dover High school.
- The Changing Perceptions and Stigma Committee has a goal to assess if members with lived experiences are represented at the BHC. A short survey will go out via email.
- Listening session facilitators highlighted specific opportunities that are in alignment with this committee's priorities. This includes...
 - Challenging social norms that prevent people from recognizing the need for an seeking help when needed
 - Promoting whole person health through early screenings, self-care, social bonding opportunities, resources, sharing, etc.
 - Recognizing that incarceration can be traumatic for individuals and their families.
- The BHC's Quarterly Meeting is on July 16th from 10:00am-12:00pm. It is a hybrid meeting, and the in-person location is at Buena Vista.

Topic 4: Goal 1: Psychiatric Advanced Directives

- Currently waiting on signature from the Governor.
- This is an opportunity for the BHC to assist in implementing.
- Discussed collaborating with other BHC committees to make sure we are engaging all the different partners.
- There is a need for basic crisis training and planning, especially for individual crisis planning.

Topic 5: Passed Senate and House

Topic 6: Implementation Plan Discussion

- Outreach to places such as group homes, schools, healthcare providers, law enforcement to make sure they are aware of the directive and how they can support it.
- Working to not duplicate efforts that other committees may be working towards.
- Start compiling partners in group we should be engaging with for training as well as raising general awareness.
- Discussed looking for a list of healthcare providers and parole/probation officers.
- The BHC could provide tables at events to spread awareness about the directive.
- Discussed going to schools and universities to provide information on the directive and get parents and soon to be adults thinking about how this may impact them.
- Working with healthcare places that have transition clinics as well as health insurance companies to get information out about the directive.

Topic 7: Public Comment

No public comment.

The next Family and Community Readiness Committee Meeting is **Monday, August 12th, 2024, at 9:00 am**

Adjourn: 9:29am