



Behavioral Health Task Group

Agenda

January 15, 2021

9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Virtual Meeting – Zoom Call

Mission: *The Behavioral Health Task Group is an inclusive & collaborative group focused on providing education, service expansion and advocacy to ensure that all Sussex County residents have access to quality mental/behavioral health services*

Dashboard:

- 1. Access to Mental Health Services for Children and Youth and increased access to treatment and support for Adults.*
- 2. Decrease in Overdose deaths and increased policies that address the addiction epidemic.*
- 3. 3rd Grade Reading Levels and Increased Graduation Rates.*

IMPACT: *Increased access and support to mental health and addictions services for children, youth and families in Sussex County*

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| 9:30 | <u>Welcome & Introductions</u>
Welcome & New Member Announcements
Review and approval of December 2020 Meeting Minutes | Chair, Kym Alvarado |
| 9:35 | <u>Old Business</u> | SCHC Rep. |
| 9:40 | <u>Guest Speaker</u>
Daniel Maas
HERO HELP Coordinator
New Castle County Division of Police
Daniel.Maas@newcastlde.gov
Topic: HERO HELP Program

Dana Timmons
Re-entry Program
Delaware Center for Justice
dtimmons@dcjustice.org | |
| 9:55 | <u>New Business</u>

-2021 Committee Meeting Registration Link via Zoom (Crystal)
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqf-qgpjgoHdAV_BEY2FBZi5KqvkAGFjpV

--DSAMH Partnership
Behavioral Health Messaging – Addition to Agenda
Community Messaging
Prevention Messaging
For consideration:
As it pertains to COVID & mental health (depression, anxiety, substance use disorder) – overall issues – long term residual effects, what can we do better?
Mitigating barriers to access help.
These are the focus goals, statewide communication in tandem with our committee.

-Community-Based Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Block Grant RFP
DSCYF & DPBH | SCHC Rep. |



Due February 9, 2021

https://bids.delaware.gov/bids_detail.asp?i=6638&DOT=N

10:25 Partner Updates/Group Discussion

10:45 Meeting Adjourned

Chair, Kym Alvarado

Upcoming Meetings:

Next BHTG Meeting: Friday, February 19, 2021 – Location Zoom – Virtual Meeting

Action Items

- Peggy/Kathryn to connect Teri Lawler and Margalita from Higher Ground (done)
- Continue conversation around cultural sensitivity with Margalita (in-process)
- Kathryn to schedule Daniel Maas to present around Hero Help program to BHTG (done)