



Behavioral Health Task Group Agenda

October 18, 2019

9:30 am to 11:00 am

Thurman Adams State Service Center

546 S. Bedford Street, Georgetown, DE. 19947

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*

9:30 am **Call to Order - Welcome & Introductions** **Committee Chair: Kym Alvarado**

9:35 am **Approve September 2019 Meeting Minutes** **Co-Chair: Janet Urdahl**

9:40 am **Guest Speaker:**

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10:10 am **Old Business/Updates:** **SCHC Staff Members**

- Review Action Items from September

10:30 am **New Business** **Group Discussion**

Speaker ideas to discuss with committee members:

- **November** Ideas:
Value Based Reimbursement for Behavioral Health – Need to invite DMMA and a rep from the Medicaid office: Steve Groff, Lisa Zimmerman
- **December:** Ideas:
Bridge Clinic – Need to invite Onika Harris
Kim Blanch, Veterans and Suicide
People’s Place has a Veterans
- **January 2020** - Housing is a huge issue for Vets – Roseann Faust and Barb Messick will send contact info)

Additional Ideas for BHTG Speakers

- DSAMH is looking at a successful program in place in Baltimore. They position a van outside the prison to meet newly released folks as they walk out of prison. Prison release times are difficult to get from the prison system. This could be a good topic for discussion. There is a re-entry commission that may help make this happen.
- CPSU – Community Partner Support Unit

10:45 am Partner Announcements

Group Discussion

11:00 am Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings:

Next BHTG Meeting: Friday, November 15th, 2019 from 9:30am to 11:00am at Adams State Service Center