



Behavioral Health Task Group Meeting Minutes

November 15th, 2019

9:30 am to 11:00 am

Thurman Adams State Service Center
546 S. Bedford Street, Georgetown, DE. 19947

Meeting was called to order by Peggy Geisler at 9:32am.

Welcome & Introductions were done by the Committee Chair, Kym Alvarado

23 Attendees with 9 new/first time attendees

Minutes from October were approved unanimously.

Nominations for the Co-Chair replacement is open, as Janet Urdahl has left La Red.

Motion to approve October 2019 Meeting Minutes was made by Tina Moyer, seconded by Dr. Jordan Weissman. The October Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Guest Speakers:

HeNN App Representatives: Josh and Logan

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- HeNN App representatives – please search through the app and email henndelaware@gmail.com; tammya@udel.edu; lneitzke@udel.edu with any updates, suggestions, etc.
- They can also email you the tutorial video for a more comprehensive look at how to use the app.
- Suggestions on HeNN app to be implemented as an outpatient piece to give their clients DTRAN linked up w/ the app to make sure you have up-to-date openings for treatment facilities.

- Volunteered a group from BHTG to assist with a focus group for HeNN app.
- Project Delaware – will scan and email the Project Delaware information sheet
Mental health providers in schools, broader than that. Indian River – best practices.
Look at the multi-tiered system of support for students.
- Restructuring the MOU's with provider's, agencies and clinicians. Data collection –
focus on what stands out. Fidelity. – ensuring this is being implemented and available
within the school, is the teacher following through, is the school engaged.
- Seaford would be a preceptor for this project down the road.
- Working on PBIS programs. Draft format distribution please do not duplicate or
replicate, this is strictly for informational purposes.
- DEGP recap. Funding for anti-stigma, prevention, youth led initiatives or pop up events
in Winter or Spring in the schools of Sussex county. Up to about 10. New messaging will
continue. Youth focused. WBOC and other partners.
- Look into funding for Kent and New Castle county

New Business

Group Discussion

SOAR process with BHTG committee

Peggy Geisler

What do we want to do, what are the issues and challenges we would like to work on and see what is happening? What is our “next big thing?”

Suggestions:

MAT – program evaluations and effectiveness, timeliness, success rates, etc. State of DE data request.

Speaker ideas to discuss with committee members:

Ideas:

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

Partner Announcements

Group Discussion

Updates:

Gaudenzia Monday, opening up a women and children's sober living in Claymont. [flyer will be forwarded to be distributed]

Ellendale facility moving up to Claymont and Ellendale is being converted to residential facility.

Meadowood is upping their bed counts and adding an additional center they are redoing. New Castle DE [flyer to be forwarded to be distributed]

Homelessness issue –

Veterans event Beebe

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next BHTG Meeting: Friday, December 20, 2019 from 9:30am to 11:00am at Adams State Service Center

Meeting minutes submitted by Kathryn Burritt