



Behavioral Health Task Group Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2020
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*

This meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Kym Alvarado, with introductions.

Attendees: 39 Attendees – 9 first time attendees

January meeting minutes were approved unanimously with a motion by Melody Bush and a second by John Richter.

Action Items

- ✓ **Send specific data requests to CRT Program. Understand the landscape around addiction in Sussex County so we can better address the wraparound service array or discuss what data sets we need in next meeting?**
- ✓ **Host a family-friendly event with prevention messaging (mini-grants available, application drops 3/1/2020).**
- ✓ **Research and report on potential for local grief support groups for youth that have suffered a loss.**
- ✓ **Introduce Dr. Weisman to Brandy Mace**
- ✓ **Confirm DMMA Steve Groff and Lisa Zimmerman for May.**
- ✓ **Confirm Kim Blanch, March 2020 speaker, get topic and format information.**

Review of Action Items from January 2020 Meeting

- Connect Tina Farmer to Dr. Bernice Alston with Promoting Integrations of Primary and Behavioral Health Care.
- Reached out to Jenna Montalbano about who oversees youth with parents who are addicts, she will compile information and relay to the group. There are some upcoming events for Summer 2020.
- Reached out to Rehoboth YMCA, suggested that they connect with YESO committee first and see if the information is relevant to this committee.

Guest Speaker

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- ✓ Fair Housing Practices and PowerPoint packet handout.



- ✓ Tie all ages into this program, going into the schools and to the seniors to ensure they are represented.
- ✓ BHTG seeking and if not available, suggest a landscape analysis to understand the needs of the students they are reaching - Filling gaps and capacity issues for the youth.

New Business:

Drug Free Communities

- Met with NCC Drug Free Community Groups
 - Working to implement workstreams to encompass all necessary pieces for 2020 campaign.
 - Advisory council county or statewide – will be calling on our subcommittee members to support and participate.
- CAST Tool Update
 - How to use this tool to validify assisting the youth.
 - Second assessment, ready to perform.
 - Active in seeking the funding and believe it has been secured.
 - Looking to tie in the YSRB from schools.
- Free family friendly events – one per month – please consider hosting or combining an already existing event
- Pop-Up Grant Funding Opportunities
 - Implemented to support these free family friendly events – tie in messaging, prevention and resources.
 - Mini grant for all partners in amounts of \$250, \$500 and \$1,000 opportunities.
 - 3/1/2020 application drop date.
- Alignment with Help is Here and other State Programs
- Brandy Mace from SN4C – Free Rx Toolkit
 - We will be facilitating a group training
 - Brandy can come out and do a training on site
- Crystal attended CADCA – updates and next steps follow

CRT Program Update

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- Sentinel events (large overdose response event) - team is set-up and in place.
- Aligning with volunteers within various fields to support Naloxone distribution and training.
- Prevention
 - Get Naloxone out before there needs to be a Sentinel event, this is the primary goal.
 - Mental Health First Aid training.
 - Youth training is 16 and over according to Dr. Rattay's standing order in Delaware. Many other states allow it at age 12.
- Upcoming events
 - PODS -Naloxone training event - Friday March 20, Georgetown ACE Center.
 - PODS – Naloxone training event - April – Seaford ACE Center.

Partner Updates/Group Discussion

- **JFS - Sussex and NCC intensive 6-hour group where the families of addicts can be trained, connect them to a portal of support. Visit website for more information and**



- **Sussex county is live in the ED's trying to distribute the Naloxone and to push out.**
- **PBH – putting out 2 RFP's in the very near future, one is for the after school and summer programming, substance use treatment for youth. One to be released in March and one to be released in Summer 2020.**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next BHTG Meeting: Friday, April 10, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Adams State Service Center.

Quarterly Meeting: April 23, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Refreshments start at 8:30am.

Meet the Funder –Stuart Comstock -Gay, President and CEO of the Delaware Community Foundation on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at the SCHC office.