



Behavioral Health Task Group

Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2020

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*

28 attendees 2 new attendees

Action Items

- Link PbP - 12 & 12 in Seaford, DE – business owners through (in process)
- Kathryn to connect Saad Soliman, Kelli DiSabatino and SCHC team (in process)
- Kathryn to schedule Saad Soliman and Kelli DiSabatino on Sussex Success (done)
- Kathryn to connect Erin Willis from SUN Behavioral and Saad Soliman (done)
- Kathryn to send SCHC Strategic Plan to Dorothy Dillard (done)
- Email Dorothy if you are interested in interns (ongoing)
- Kathryn to schedule Banyan treatment center in Milford – Joshua Gamaitoni, VP (done)
- Crystal to connect Sal from CAMP Rehoboth to Seaford library (done)

July 2020 meeting minutes were approved unanimously with a motion by Roseanne Faust and a second by Nicole Caselli.

Guest Speakers

Kelli DiSabatino
Saad Soliman
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Partnered for the past 3 ½ years

Comprehensive – integrated housing model organization

PbP – case management – work force

Re-entry- homelessness, recovery, incarcerated

Transitional housing

DPH – homeless population – 337 during the pandemic and quarantine

MHA – internship program – help people with opportunities

Aquila – DTRANS – total capacity 73 beds for adult males; 21 beds for adult females

After the housing, they have a phase 2 housing plan – rent in a semi-permanent leasing agreement



Dorothy Dillard, Ph.D.
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Topic: Population Health - Rural/Equity Discussion

Bridge the Academic and research world with the community and those who are doing work in the community

Expand their role in the community
Population health and then work on other areas.

For Sussex County and Kent County they consider the Sussex Health Coalition. They will be putting in a grant that would like to partner with SCHC to be the community partner liaison around decision making around COVID testing.

The Proposal is to test for the antibodies every 4 months for a group of people or communities and why this is so important.

There will be a 20-minute survey that will give major demographics for the target populations. This survey will not only ask about location, but it will ask a series of questions that helps us determine why the virus is still active in that population. The communities that are ranking in fairing poorest in health disparities, large contractions of poverty and under resources communities. These communities will be the ones that rank the highest in disparities in Kent and Sussex County.

What we would like to do create with DSU is to form a relationship with our partners and connect the research, health centers, private physicians, and the state holders that address poverty and create a collective model that will improve the systems in place currently.

They will collect the data and then they will bring it back to the community partners to roll out the new plan or interpretations of it as well as.

Partner Updates/Group Discussion: AMS accepting Medicaid from DE and MD, and VA benefits;

Milestones Consultants is offering free counseling sessions to youth who do not have insurance or high co pays.
www.milestonesconsultants.org

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 am

Upcoming Meetings:

Next BHTG Meeting: Friday, September 18, 2020 – Location Zoom – Virtual Meeting