



Behavioral Health Task Group

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 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*

32 attendees 3 new attendees

Action Items

- Kathryn to connect Kim Blanch with Teri Lawler (done)
- Kathryn/Crystal to get masks and other DEGP items to Bayhealth for their upcoming events (done)
- Kathryn to add Pat Heineman to November agenda (done)

September meeting minutes were approved unanimously with a motion by Judy Schlott and a second by Jordan Weisman.

Guest Speakers

Tana Connell
Delaware State University
Topic: Vision Consortium
tconnell@desu.edu

The **Vision Consortium** consists of agencies who deliver substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery services to residents of Sussex County including:

- Delaware State University
- Sussex County Health Coalition
- Veteran's Addiction Recovery Center Substance Abuse Program
- Jewish Family Services
- Dover Behavioral Health System

Purpose:

- Strengthen the behavioral health workforce in Sussex County, Delaware through increased training and education.
- Reduce morbidity and mortality associated with opioid use in Sussex County.

Goals:

- Conduct a county-wide needs assessment and gap analysis which outlines the current needs and areas for improvement within Sussex County.
- Create of a strategic action plan that can be implemented throughout Sussex County.



Kim Blanch
 Beebe Healthcare, Inc.
 Topic: Beebe Goes Purple Updates
kblanch@beebehealthcare.org

Hudson Field Drive-Thru event – less physical turnout but very receptive across social media, still made an effective impact on the community with several thousand engaging across the live streaming and other social media avenues
 Narcan training – 50 people trained that night
 Look forward to future planning and collaboration with SCHC and other agencies for next year

New Business

- Delaware Goes Purple Toolkit
- Upcoming Speaker ideas
 Aileen Fink – new director – taking Bob’s place

Partner Updates/Group Discussion: Bayhealth Goes Purple – POD’s/CRT at each campus, flyers forthcoming! Prayer the Friday before with Rev. Harris.

Free trauma counseling from Milestones Consultants and statewide program, any school district. Virtually and is free!!! Form and 2 assessments – that information is sent to Teri Lawler. Share that information after meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am

Upcoming Meetings:

Next BHTG Meeting: Friday, November 20, 2020 – Location Zoom – Virtual Meeting

Attendees Matrix

1.	Kym Alvarado		
2.	Kathryn Burritt	SCHC	
3.	Crystal Timmons-Bryant	SCHC	
4.	Peggy Geisler	SCHC	
5.	Tana Connell	DSU	
6.	Barbara Messick		
7.	Janet Urdahl		
8.	Marcey Rezac		
9.	Judy Scholtt	SUN	
10.	Nicole Caselli		
11.	Pat Heineman	UD	
12.	Teri Lawler	DOE	
13.	Jordan Weisman		
14.	Caroline Alberta		
15.	Natasha Mullen		

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16.	Kaytra MacDonald		
17.	Thomas Harris		
18.	Jason Coleman		
19.	Kim Blanch		
20.	Amanda Fisher	Bayhealth	
21.	Alexandra Taylor		
22.	Davida Johnson		
23.	Sal Seeley		
24.	Rachel Kelley		
25.	Heather Davis		
26.	Michelle Mullen		
27.	Rocky Polite		