



**Behavioral Health Task Group
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 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*

27 attendees 2 new attendees

Action Items

- Crystal/Kathryn to share UD PowerPoint (done)
- Crystal/Kathryn to share VISTA PowerPoint (done)
- Crystal to share Developmental Asset information to M.J. Scales (done)

November meeting minutes were approved unanimously with a motion by Janet Urdahl and a second by Judy Schlott.

Guest Speakers

Tana Connell
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Topic: Vision Consortium Survey – Link:

<https://baseline.campuslabs.com/p/Project.aspx?q=96d92c18fb9262585c807b99e9b7ad5e77ecd157744504d4136fb9ca7550b936277f6923047e41a14f08d157f204da44af4e3e84789d75a5dc16f2beca99ca1e&r=ca5be6bb-35dc-407a-b159-773c59b07bb7>

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.



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Topic: SEOW - 2020 State Epidemiological Profile

SEOW – State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup

Purpose -To build monitoring and surveillance systems to identify, analyze, and profile data from state and local sources

To identify, share, and analyze data;

To create data-guided products that inform prevention planning and policies;

To train agencies and communities in understanding, using, and presenting data effectively

Supportive ways:

Technical Assistance

Data Presentations

Data Products

School Survey Data

Dissemination & Analyses

Brian Dugas

Americorps VISTA – Telehealth

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Topic: Delaware Libraries Telehealth Program for Sussex

Partner Updates/Group Discussion: Partner Updates: National MH Data (includes concerns during COVID)

<https://mhanational.org/issues/state-mental-health-america>

Is your story making you sick from Beebe, flyer to follow

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am

Upcoming Meetings:

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

Attendees Matrix

1.	Kathryn Burritt	SCHC	
2.	Crystal Timmons-Bryant	SCHC	
3.	Peggy Geisler	SCHC	
4.	Kym Alvarado		
5.	M. J. Scales	UD	
6.	Quiana Dorn	Dover Behavioral Health System	Community Liaison
7.	Tana Connell	Delaware State University	Assistant Professor
8.	Kaytra MacDonald	Champions for Children's Mental Health	
9.	Deb Allen-Brown	AmeriHealth Caritas DE	CMO
10.	Jason Coleman	MHA	
11.	Brian Dugas	AmeriCorps VISTA	Telehealth Coordinator working with Delaware Public Libraries
12.	Nicole Caselli	Beebe Long Neck Family Practice (formerly Advanced Care Clinic)	FNP



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13.	Ashley Going	Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services	Family Service Specialist
14.	Carey Lynch	DYRS	Supervisor in the Georgetown Unit
15.	Tracey Bixler, BSW	Beebe CARES program in Sussex County	Social worker
16.	Janet Urdahl	Delaware State University	School of Social Work
17.	Judy Schlott	SUN DE	Community liaison
18.	Tina Andrews	Parent Information Center of Delaware	
19.	Patricia Clear	ContactLifeline, Inc.	
20.	Jane Galli	JFS Delaware	
21.	Amanda Richter	Bayhealth	
22.	Rachel Kelly		
23.	Alexandra Taylor		
24.	Carey Lynch		
25.	David Johnson		
26.	Dorothy Dillard	DSU	
27.	Emma Braun	SCHC	
28.	Lauren Johnson	DHSS	