



Behavioral Health Task Group

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 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*

37 attendees 6 new attendees

Action Items

- Kathryn to share HERO HELP PowerPoint (done)
- Kathryn to coordinate a meeting with SCHC, DSU, DSAMH & HERO HELP around Western Sussex programming (in-process)
- Kathryn to connect Jenna Montalbano & Tom Harris (done)

January meeting minutes were approved unanimously with a motion by Janet Urdahl and a second by Rosanne Faust.

Guest Speakers

Allen Herring
Daniel Maas
HERO HELP Coordinator
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Topic: HERO HELP Program

- The Hero Help Program is a collaboration between the New Castle County Division of Police, the Delaware Department of Justice and the State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to provide addiction assistance to qualifying adults who contact the police and ask for treatment, or to individuals in lieu of an immediate arrest for lesser crimes.
- It is a free, voluntary program that serves as a nexus between the criminal justice system and healthcare system to remove barriers to treatment and promote sustained recovery.
- Provides assistance and support to individuals in addiction and the families/loved ones who have been impacted

Dana Timmons
Re-entry Program
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- Transition them to be able to connect with resources to be successful in the community.



- Main goal is to prevent re-entry, repeat offenses
- Work with them for 3 months, assist with transportation, funding, connect to appointments

New Business

-2021 Committee Meeting Registration Link via Zoom (Crystal)

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqf-qgpjgoHdAV_BEY2FBZl5KqvkAGFjpV

--DSAMH Partnership

Behavioral Health Messaging – Addition to Agenda

Community Messaging

Prevention Messaging

For consideration:

As it pertains to COVID & mental health (depression, anxiety, substance use disorder) – overall issues – long term residual effects, what can we do better?

Mitigating barriers to access help.

These are the focus goals, statewide communication in tandem with our committee.

Respite Care Needs

DSCYF – Prevention and Behavioral Health – keep them engaged

DDS – Connect with them as well

-Community-Based Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Block Grant RFP

DSCYF & DPBH

Due February 9, 2021

https://bids.delaware.gov/bids_detail.asp?i=6638&DOT=N Partner Updates/Group Discussion:

Partner Updates: AMS now has a full bi-lingual staff to serve Spanish speaking clients from start to finish

Upcoming Meetings:

Next BHTG Meeting: Friday, February 19, 2020 – Location Zoom – Virtual Meeting

Attendees Matrix

1.	Peggy Geisler	SCHC	
2.	Crystal Timmons-Bryant	SCHC	
3.	Dana Timmons	DOJ	Re-entry program
4.	Kym Alvarado	Coastal Counseling	
5.	Dorothy Dillard	DSU	
6.	Kathryn Burritt	SCHC	
7.	Heather Davis	Meadowwood Behavioral Health Hospital	
8.	Jenna Montalbano	AMS	
9.	Jordan Weisman	AmeriHealth Caritas DE	
10.	Judith Schlott	SUN Behavioral	
11.	Lee Ann Gunning	DTCC	
12.	Andrea Waters	Pathways to Success	
13.	Rosanne Faust	DSAMH	
14.	Allen Herring	NCC PD	



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15.	Quiana Dorn	Dover Behavioral Health	
16.	Martha Dominguez	La Esperanza	
17.	Tina Andrews	PIC	
18.	Mark Orkins		
19.	Janet Urdahl	DSU	
20.	Erin Willis	SUN Behavioral Health	
21.	Amy Haberber	DSU	
22.	Ashley Going	Juvenile Probation	
23.	Cara Sawyer	DSAMH	
24.	Carey Lynch	DYRS/Juvenile Probation Supervisor in Sussex	
25.	Tom Harris	Juvenile Probation in Georgetown	
26.	Cassie McLaughlin	CFF	CBITS
27.	Leticia Howell		
28.	Amanda Richter	Bayhealth	
29.	Marc Orkins		
30.	Melody Bush	FIRST/DSCYF	
31.	Penelope Pitts	CFF	Behavioral Health Consultant
32.	Vincenza Fabber		
33.	Deborah Allen-Brown		
34.	Jane Galli		
35.	Jessica Massuli		
36.	Kaytra MacDonald		
37.	Kim Blanch	Beebe Healthcare, Inc.	
38.	Emma Braun	SCHC	