



**Behavioral Health Task Group  
Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2018  
9:30 am to 11:00 am  
Adams State Service Center**

**Call to Order** - Welcome & Introductions; Committee Chair, Kym Alvarado

Rosemary Bachman made a motion to approve the May committee minutes. Chris Love seconded the motion. May minutes were approved as presented unanimously by the committee.

**Attendees:** Chantel Bratcher, Vanessa Stansbury, Ramona Pickett, Jason Coleman, Chris Love, Karen Vied, Rosanne Faust, Jordan Weissman, Amanda Fisher, Kim Blanch, Kym Alvarado, Quiana Dorn, Janet Urdahl, Joe Santore, Tina Moyer, Rachel Donaldson, Rosemary Baughman, Greg Wilson, Kim Jones, Denise Lovelady, Cheryl Doucette, Crystal Timmons-Underwood, Lisa Coldiron, Elyse Moore, Jenna Montalbano, Shawna, Candance Thune, Lynne Betts, Vicki Strohmaier, Lisa Wile, Patricia Danner, Cristina Machin, Gail Hurst, Erin Willis, Brittany Hazzard, Mary J. Moore, Kelly Griffin, Jewish Family Services, Johana Thomas, Amanda Fisher, Demetris Williams, Jordan Weissman, Melody Bush.

**Action Items:**

1. Confirm Jordan Weissman as the speaker for October's Meeting.
2. Confirm Trish in Sept Rosemary – Courageous Hearts, would like to do a field trip with YESO, FBI/Homeland security for Human Trafficking (Trish will give contact) Connect Yolonda?

**Guest Speaker:**

**1. Lisa Coldiron – Project Purple Lead**

Holistic Approach to the Purple Awareness Campaign

- ✓ Kick off is September 11, 2018.
- ✓ Excited that Kent County has signed on.
- ✓ We are currently working on Delaware goes Purple
- ✓ Free to the Public
- ✓ 850 is max seating
- ✓ Looking for Volunteers to help direct host to the seats, parking lots directions, selling tee-shirts. (Sign in sheets at the table)
- ✓ We need your help to get the sponsorship packets out and help with names and people who we should connect.
- ✓ Lisa has been meeting with 2 or 3 groups a week to get the word out. Ask your hairdresser to go purple that month, etc. We want to decorate purple for the campaign.
- ✓ The funding is supporting the campaign to become a national model. We will be using some money to go back to the community for programing and prevention.
- ✓ This summer staff from the University of DE trained 11 students from Seaford High School in the Botvin curriculum. These students will act as peer trainers for the Middle Schoolers.
- ✓ SCHC has created a "Recovery Speakers Bureau" to do presentations in schools and for the community in general.

- ✓ **Lisa Wile is meeting at the Church at 8 am to stuff bags at the Church. If you want your organization to have materials in the bags, please drop off by September 5<sup>th</sup> you can drop them off at SCHC office or to Lisa Directly by email at [wilee@nanticoke.org](mailto:wilee@nanticoke.org)**

## **2. Cheryl Doucette – Behavioral Health Consortium**

Legislative Update:

- Johns Hopkins shared a report at the last BHC Meeting. Results are in alignment with the Three Year BHC Plan.
- PEW Charitable Trust has selected Delaware as one of the two States it will work with on the Opioid Crisis for the next year. They will use all existing data and needs assessments to inform their work.
- University of DE also shared a new “hot-spot” mapping system that can be used to break data down to a zip code level. More information to come. This project is not complete.
- SB 230 (Mental Health Parity) will take place on August 29<sup>th</sup> in the Governor’s office in the Carvel Building at 4pm.
- These bills will be signed on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The package will include OD system of care will be held at the NCC Public Safety building at 2pm.

## **3. Mary Moore- Early Childhood Mental Health Administrator, Delaware Children’s Dept, Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services.**

- ✓ Service is provided to all licensed child care providers even home child care providers.
- ✓ Service is FREE
- ✓ Currently has a bilingual consultant in every county.
- ✓ Links parents to programs using an evidence-based curriculum.
- ✓ Works with children and the family.
- ✓ Delaware does not have a statewide expulsion policy for child care providers. It is left to the program managers as to what they do with the child. They can decide to kick them out for any reason. However, there is movement to have a statewide policy for suspension or expulsion
  - 3 consultants in Sussex County.
  - A total of 14 consultants throughout the state.
  - Services offered:
    - Consultants go into the classroom or school
    - School or Center must request help from this program. The request can not come from the parent.
    - Work hand and hand with the teacher to develop a plan to help the child succeed
    - Delaware was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation for expelling 4-year olds from public preschools for behavior issues.
    - Delaware was then able to receive money to develop a parent child interactions and additional mental health service providers on board to help the early childhood. They now have a 97% success rate.
    - Promote children’s social and emotional skill development
    - Promote school readiness so children can succeed
    - Build enhanced relationships with children in care
    - Promote staff wellness

- Reduce teacher and caregivers stress
- ✓ Reason for Referral to ECMHC Program include:
  - Aggressive Behavior: Hitting, kick, biting, choking, pushing, poking, pulling hair, spitting, throwing things, with directional intent
  - Attachment issues: does not seek familiar adults for comfort, displays very little emotions or is emotionally dependent, wariness/on-guard, fearfulness, rejection or avoidance of touch.

**(See attachments provided by Mary with the power point attachment and (2) Brochures)**

#### **4. Brandy Midzinski – Holcomb Behavioral Health**

##### **Shared information for the Dextera Bags:**

- Over 1.400 bags handed out last year
- Delaware has 21 collection sites statewide
- The bags are to be used for the disposal and deactivate of all medicine.
- Can be thrown away in your normal household trash, after activated.
- Brandy is interested in having a table at public events.
- Brandy has finally been able to provide a grant that gives out 30 tool kits out to organization and training for them.
- She will be able to train your organization to accept the tool kits. Please reach out to her and she has sign-up sheets for a wait list for tool kits.

##### **Contents of each tool kit:**

- 140 bags in each tool kit
- Folder for your paperwork
- Table cloth
- Thumb drive with the video
- Sign that says Free
- The Demographic form is a MUST
- DO NOT COLLECT THE MEDICINE – Make sure you say this is NOT a medicine collection site.
- Reach out to Crystal at SCHC if you need the tool Kit.

#### **Old Business**

- Shared dates for Drug Free Communities Meetings / Seaford Goes Purple - Ask for volunteers for subcommittees.

#### **New Business:**

- Discuss and confirm speakers for Sept, Oct and Nov 2018
- **SBMHC continuation for 2018/2019 – Healthy Neighborhoods- Tabled for next month add to agenda for September**

#### **Partner Announcements:**

- Nanticoke Hospital has had an issue related to patients that are sitting in the waiting room waiting for Mental Health Patients, they need family friendly movies that is a DVD's for their carts on TV and DVD players. Please bring to the next meeting, give to Lisa Wile.
- JFS just launched a new service for Seniors to help navigate the support down here for older adults without families in the community.
- Please remember sending all information can not be a PDF, it needs to be a word doc or JPEG makes

sure it can be increased.

Adjourn at 11:05am

**Next BHTG Meeting – September 21, 2018 – 9:30am to 11:00am – \*\*\*Change in Location\*\*\* Meeting will be held at Courageous Hearts Equine Therapy, 17054 Fitzgeralds Road, Lincoln DE 19960**