

**New Jersey Behavioral Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes,
January 10, 2018 10:00 A.M.**

Attendees:

Jim Romer (Chair)	Rocky Schwartz (Co-Chair (P))	Phil Lubitz	Harry Coe (P)
Darlema Bey	Michael Ippoliti (P)	Tom Pyle	Joe Gutstein (P)
Connie Greene	John Calabria	Pamela Taylor	
Michele Madiou	Barbara Johnston (P)	Christopher Lucca	
Alica Garcia	Regina Sessoms (P)	Ellen Taner (P)	

DMHAS, CSOC & DDD Staff:

Mark Kruszczyński **Suzanne Borys** **Jonathan Sabin**

Guests:

Rachel Morgan	Julia Barugel	Louann Lukens	Nick Loizzi (P)
Joe Cuffari	Suzanne Smith	Walter McCarty	

(P) Indicates participation via conference call.

I. Welcome / Administrative Issues / Correspondence / Announcements

- A. Quorum not reached (only 17 out of 47 members participated, 36% attendance, $\leq 33\%$ needed for quorum)
- B. The February 14th meeting of the Planning Council will meet at DMHAS Office, 5 Commerce Way, Hamilton NJ 08611, Suite 100, at 10:00 am. Going forward, all subsequent meetings will be held at this location unless otherwise indicated.
- C. Minutes from December 13th meeting approved, with minor edits
- D. Discussion/Clarification from Certificate of Need (CN) Discussion from December 13th meeting
 1. Question: Would the participation of a representative of the Planning Council have an impact on the proceedings of the Department of Health (DoH) State Health Planning Board (CN)? Answer: Unknown.
 2. Discussion of possible needs for more acute care beds, and/or for more crisis diversion (e.g. Early Intervention Support Services (EISS)) resources. Raised concern that more resources for crisis beds might reduce resources for early intervention resources.
 - a. Early Intervention Support Services (EISS): short term (30d \geq) services to stabilize individuals in acute psychiatric distress, to reduce unnecessary admissions to designated screening centers (DSC), that provides access to a prescriber within 24 hours, as well as access to peer services.
 - i. The success of EISS largely depends on the program's ability to engage consumers and their families.
 3. It is anticipated that a new CN will be going out from the State Health Planning Board in the near future.
 4. State Health Planning Board (CN)
 - i. Meets the first Thursday of each month at the Department of Health's (DoH) headquarters in Trenton.
 - ii. Applications for new bed requests are archived at the NJ State Library, however DoH might be able to provide copies to an individual designated by the Planning Council.
 - iii. No State Health Planning Board meetings are scheduled for January – March.
 5. Suggestion that the Planning Council delegates one of its members (to be appointed by

the Chair) to attend subsequent DoH State Health Planning Board meetings. This will be discussed at the February meeting of the Planning Council

II. Subcommittee Reports

A. Membership Substance

1. Next subcommittee meeting will be 2/14/18 at 9:00 am
2. Plan to send out correspondence to members who have not participated in meetings.

B. Substance Abuse (L. Lukens)

1. Substance Abuse White Paper was previous created by the Subcommittee to look at the waiting time for detoxification (detox) treatment. Important recommendations included Detox resource expansion:
 - i. Need to educate emergency room physicians on adjusting medication protocols to reduce distribution and expansion of opioid addiction.
 - ii. Need to Expand Opioid Overdose Recovery Programs (OORPs).
 - iii. IMD Exclusion will allow Medicaid funds to be used for detox services.
 - iv. Training on medication assisted treatment (MAT) interventions to be expanded.
 - v. Expansion of MATI
2. The “White Paper” previously composed by the subcommittee will be redistributed to the members of the Council.
 - i. Caveat on this paper is that parts of it were inspired by anecdotal data, but much of the data provided by DMHAS doesn’t substantiate it.
3. Issue of US Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA) standards that may preclude the appropriate use (i.e., timing, frequency of use on specific patients) of Suboxone.
4. Issue of MATI agencies not being able to do induction.
5. The Chair suggests that the BHPC Substance Abuse Subcommittee continue its work, but invites area experts.

III. State Ethics Training (Sherry Wilson, Ethics Training Officer, NJ State Ethics Commission)

- A. *See PowerPoint presentation*, presented by Ms. Wilson (to be emailed to the Planning Council)
- B. State Ethics Training is required every three years by all State employees and special State officers (SSOs) (i.e., Members of the Planning Council and Citizens Advisory Board). State employees and SSOs are required to complete the on-line briefing in the off-years.
- C. The state rules do not change often, but refresher courses are recommended.
- D. Until further notice, the Supplemental Ethics Code of the Department of Human Services, still covers DMHAS staff and the Planning Council.
- E. Supplemental Codes apply to each part of state government differently.

IV. Meeting Adjourned & Announcements

A. Next Meeting of the Planning Council: Wednesday, February 14, 10:00 am, DMHAS Office, 5 Commerce Way, Hamilton NJ 08611, Suite 100

B. Proposed agenda topics: BHPC Participation on DoH CN State Planning Board

C. Planned Subcommittee Meetings (2/14/18):

9:00: Membership

12:00: Substance Abuse