

**New Jersey Behavioral Health Planning Council  
Meeting Minutes,  
February 14, 2018 10:00 A.M.**

**Attendees:**

<b>Jim Romer (Chair)</b>	<b>Rocky Schwartz (Co-Chair (P))</b>	<b>Phil Lubitz</b>
<b>Darlema Bey</b>	<b>Joe Gutstein (P)</b>	<b>Connie Greene</b>
<b>Winifred Chain</b>	<b>Pamela Taylor</b>	<b>Michele Madiou</b>
<b>Barbara Johnston</b>	<b>Christopher Lucca</b>	<b>Marie Verna (P)</b>
<b>Ellen Taner (P)</b>	<b>Susan Brocco</b>	<b>Damian Petino</b>
<b>Cheri Thompson</b>	<b>Mary Abrams</b>	<b>Harry Coe</b>

**DMHAS, CSOC & DDD Staff:**

<b>Mark Kruszczynski</b>	<b>Donna Migliorino</b>	<b>Suzanne Borys</b>
<b>Jonathan Sabin</b>	<b>Geri Dietrich</b>	

**Guests:**

<b>Rachel Morgan (P)</b>	<b>Julia Barugel</b>	<b>Louann Lukens</b>	<b>William Cole (P)</b>
<b>Heather Simms</b>	<b>Gwen Carrick</b>	<b>Krystal Ramsell</b>	<b>Suzanne Smith</b>
<b>Wendy Rodgers</b>	<b>Amanda Lewis</b>		

(P) Indicates participation via conference call.

- I. Welcome / Administrative Issues / Correspondence / Announcements**
  - A. Quorum reached (18 out of 47 members participated, 38% attendance,  $\leq$ 33% needed for quorum)
  - B. The March 14<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> meeting approved, with minor edits
  
- II. Participation in Department of Health State Planning Board (Jim Romer)**
  - A. Meet first Thursday of every month
  - B. More information on State Health Planning Board
    1. Information on the Website [See <http://www.state.nj.us/health/bc/state-health-planning-board/> ]
    2. Meets only when needs dictates
    3. It is an open public meeting.
    4. Public information is accepted on recent/pending decisions.
    5. Agenda from DOH meetings usually come out 1 week before meeting.
    6. J. Calabria / will provide the Council with upcoming agendas, as they become available.
  
- III. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Waiver Approval Update (Gwen Carrick, NJ Div. of Medical Assistance and Health Services [See PowerPoint Presentation].**
  - A. Comments after presentation. Successes due to:
    1. Low recidivism rates
    2. Replacement of word “Addict” to “Disease”
    3. Connie Green’s has been instrumental in these successes.
  - B. Questions
    1. Concern of people with schizophrenia not getting access to MATI treatment.

C. Comments

1. RWJ/Barnabas Health reported that they are:
  - a. Implementing Suboxone induction in our emergency department starting April 1 with intervention of recovery specialist and clinical navigator assessing and referring into appropriate level of care including IOP agencies that provide medication assisted treatment (mat).
  - b. Expanding the OORP program to all hospital departments with roll out April 1 and July 1

**IV. Treatment Model for Homeless, Pregnant Women and Adolescents** (Peg Wright, Center for Great Expectations) [See PowerPoint Presentation].

- A. Idea of Chairman Romer: Have agencies share “O Practices” of agencies.
- B. Importance of Trauma Informed Care (TIC)

**V. Subcommittee Reports:**

- A. Substance abuse Meeting today 2/14/18 at 12:00pm
- B. Membership subcommittee will have a conference call in the weeks ahead.

**VI. Comments**

- A. Comments about FFS

**VII. Meeting Adjourned & Announcements**

- A. Governor Council on Stigma looking to award school-based professionals.
- B. Next meeting of BHPC will be on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at DMHAS Headquarters, 5 Commerce Way, Hamilton NJ at 10:00 am.