

New Jersey Behavioral Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes,
April 11, 2018 10:00 A.M.

Attendees:

Jim Romer (Chair)	Phil Lubitz	Darlema Bey	Winifred Chain
John Calabria	Pam Taylor (P)	Joe Gutstein (P)	Christopher Lucca
Cheri Thompson	Connie Greene	Ellen Taner	Marie Verna
Michele Madiou	Tracy Maskel	Damian Petino	Tonia Ahern (P)
Rachel Morgan	Jonathan Sabin		

DMHAS, CSOC & DDD Staff:

Mark Kruszczyński	Suzanne Borys	Geri Dietrich	Stacy Reh
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Guests:

Julia Barugel	Louann Lukens	Nick Loizzi (P)	Suzanne Smith
Jennifer Turi	Irena Stuchinsky	Alex Smuklavsky	

(P) Indicates participation via conference call.

I. Welcome / Administrative Issues / Correspondence / Announcements

- A. Quorum reached (16 out of 45 members participated, 35% attendance, $\leq 33\%$ needed for quorum)
- B. The May 9th 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 April 11th meeting approved, with minor edits
- D. Correspondence
 1. 2016 SAMSHA Site Visit Report submitted to DMHAS [The report must be reviewed by DMHAS Executive Staff so that comments/suggestions for revision can be provided back to SAMHSA. The finalized report of SAMHSA will be shared by DMHAS at that time.]
- E. Announcement of Resignation of Roxanne “Rocky” Schwartz and recognition of her excellent service to the Planning Council.

II. Preliminary Budget Overview (Morris Friedman, DMHAS)

- A. OMB Website [<http://www.nj.gov/treasury/omb/publications/19bib/BIB.pdf>]
 1. Community Substance Abuse (SA) \$100M opioid initiatives (e.g., college recovery dorms, OORP). Details still must be determined by DMHAS Executive Staff on how the funds will be spent.
 2. Mental Health
 - a. \$20M reduction in DMHAS Community Care due primarily to increased provider reimbursement in Medicaid. Medicaid has informed DMHAS that they are fully budgeted for their behavioral health needs in FY19.
 - b. Due to the fact that both Medicaid and DMHAS are projected to be fully budgeted to meet needs in respective divisions, there is no anticipated reduction in community services.

- c. Budget language is maintained to allow transferability of funds between DMAHS (Medicaid) and DMHAS as cash flow needs dictate.
- d. DMHAS can continue to move Grants in Aid funds across accounts around (<\$4M) with OMB approval.
- e. FY19 State budget is proceeding along the legislative process and is not yet finalized” for SFY19. Once the final Appropriations Act is signed (projected by no later than June 30), DMHAS Fiscal Office will be able to present the Planning Council with a more complete fiscal summary. This will hopefully be sometime in or after July, 2018.
- f. Comment: Concern of possible reductions in funding for community housing.

III. DCF Presentation (Stacy Reh, DCF)

A. PowerPoint “Promising Path to Success: System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Grant” presented and distributed to the Council via email on 4/10/18)

B. Comments

- 1. Stacy Reh: Youth Ambassador has been hired by DCF.
- 2. Behavioral Health Homes (BHH) not physical locations but it’s a Child Family Team (CFT) with Nurse Practitioner, a Nutritionist; and a holistic approach to youth/adolescent wellness.
 - a. Request for expanded eligibility for Behavioral Health Homes.
- 3. Request for more information on children going to emergency rooms (Designated Screening Centers) for behavioral health issues.
 - a. Concerns for non-verbal autistic children: small population who need lots of care, time and attention.
- 4. Comment: Out of Home Treatment, Parental involvement, claim that there is little/slight engagement of families when kids are in CCIS.
- 5. Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs), children cannot be enrolled in both CCBHCs and Care Management Organizations (CMOs)
- 6. The SAMHSA Promising Path grant has helped with redesign/improvements of care plans.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

A. Data/Outcomes

- 1. See Subcommittees recommendations
 - a. Need to educate emergency room physicians on adjusting medication protocols to reduce distribution and expansion of opioid addiction.
 - b. Need to Expand Opioid Overdose Recovery Programs (OORPs); IMD Exclusion will allow Medicaid funds to be used for detox services.
 - c. Training on medication assisted treatment (MAT) interventions to be expanded.
 - d. Expansion of MATI and MATI education.
- 2. Statement approved by majority vote of the planning Council.

V. State Partner Involvement

A. Department of Education (DoE), [D. Petino]

- 1. Damian recently attended a Mid-Atlantic State conference that addressed Trauma-Informed Practice in early childhood learning environments.

- B. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) [Cheri Thompson]
 - 1. Grant opportunities listed on Department of Labor website
- C. Department of Children and Families (DCF) - Kathryn Way has been appointed the Interim Assistant Commission Children's System of Care, at DCF.
- D. DMHAS (M. Kruszczyński) the much-awaited 2017 Annual Consumer Perception of Mental Health Care Survey has been distributed to over 600 community mental health sites. The results of this survey are reported to SAMHSA/NRI.
- E. Crisis Intervention Training (CIT): new training announced for law enforcement who handle responses to children/adolescents.

VI. Public Comments

- A. FY19 Budget
 - 1. Concern about potential \$20M reduction.
 - 2. Concern about potential reduction of services.
 - 3. Concern about potential reduction in CEPP housing.
 - 4. Concern about potential reduction of about 200 state psychiatric hospital staff positions.
- B. Where do people look to see information on \$12M of previous SUD spending?
- C. Concern that \$29M in Mental Health funds was possibly left unspent in SFY2017.
- D. The Chairman of the Planning Council will be speaking with the Assistant Commissioner Of DMHAS to discuss these and related concerns.

VII. Meeting Adjourned & Announcements

- A. Next Meeting of the Planning Council: Wednesday, May 9 10:00 am, DMHAS Office, 5 Commerce Way, Hamilton NJ 08611, Suite 100
- B. Planned Subcommittee Meetings (5/9/18):
 - 9:00: TBD
 - 12:00: Ad-Hoc Subcommittee: Dept. of Health's "Healthy People 2020 Plan"