

# New Jersey Behavioral Health Planning Council Meeting Minutes,

**June 13, 2018 10:00 A.M.**

**Attendees:**

<b>Phil Lubitz</b> (Chair, Pro tem)	<b>Darlema Bey</b>	<b>Winifred Chain</b>
<b>Joe Gutstein</b> (p)	<b>Christopher Lucca</b>	<b>Michael Ippolitti</b>
<b>Connie Greene</b>	<b>Ellen Taner</b> (p)	<b>Marie Verna</b>
<b>Damian Petino</b>	<b>Tracy Maskel</b>	<b>Harry Coe</b> (p)
<b>Robin Weiss</b> (p)	<b>Michele Madiou</b>	<b>Pam Taylor</b>
<b>Ksenia Lebedeva</b>	<b>John Calabria</b>	

**DMHAS, CSOC & DDD Staff:**

**Mark Kruszczyński**                      **Geri Dietrich**

**Guests:**

<b>Julia Barugel</b>	<b>Rachel Morgan</b>	<b>Alex Smuklavsky</b>	<b>Luanne Lukens</b>
<b>Erica Westman</b>	<b>Jennifer Turi</b>	<b>Wendy Rogers</b>	<b>Suzanne Smith</b>

(p) Indicates participation via conference call.

**I. Welcome / Administrative Issues / Correspondence / Announcements**

- A. Quorum reached (17 out of 45 members participated, 38% attendance,  $\leq 33\%$  needed for quorum).
- B. Phil Lubitz serves today's meeting as Chair pro tem.
- C. The July 11<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.
- D. Information on the meeting sign-in sheet for General Meeting will be shared with SAMHSA as a part of the 2019 Community Mental Health Block Grant "Mini Application" and will be a public document.
- C. Minutes from May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting approved, with minor edits

**II. State Health Improvement Plan (Healthy People 2020 Plan) (Yannai Kranzler, DoH) [See the Summary document sent to Council on 6/1/18]**

- A. Goals of the Healthy NJ's State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP): the SHIP combines data, professional expertise and community feedback to identify health objectives, solutions and key partnerships.
- B. Planning is underway for the last leg of the 2020 planning process.
- C. This is the first time that behavioral health will be included in the DoH plan.
- D. DMHAS provides guidance to the DoH Planning process, largely through feedback provided by the Planning Council.
- E. There have been three recent focus groups held across NJ; largely to discuss how local planning factors into statewide planning.
- F. On 6/22/18 there will be additional focus groups.
- G. On 6/25/18, 6/26/18 & 6/27/18 focus groups will be held with regional and municipal alliances.

- H. In late May 2018 there was a Population Health focus group meeting.
- I. DoH would like to summarize all feedback and present a summary to the Planning Council at its July Meeting.
- J. Universal access to integrated health care, outcomes.
- K. New focus groups
  - 1. Research & data
  - 2. Youth/adolescent & ‘aging out’ populations.
  - 3. County Mental Health Administrators.
- L. Comments from Planning Council
  - 1. Trauma Informed Care (TIC) should stand out “its larger than just health”
    - a. What it is, what it isn’t and what it (TIC) should be.
    - b. Saturate TIC across Entire system of care.
    - c. Caution about the possibility of inappropriately punishing students for exhibiting trauma-induced behavior.
      - i. Issue is pending with NJ Department of Education (NJ DoE).
      - ii. Importance of bringing more schools to Children’s Interagency Coordinating Councils (CIACCs)
      - iii. Concern of “School to prison pipeline” where youth with traumas aren’t given sufficient behavioral health resources.
  - 2. DoH is in process of developing [health] indicators. [Comment” SAMHSA has reordered its Evidence Based Practices (EBPs)]
  - 3. Concern that draft SHIP document has the most up-to-date information regarding CSOC.
  - 4. Desirability of tracking post-treatment consumer outcomes.
  - 5. Desirability of SHIP to include: Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, Research, Outcomes, Workforce Development, Consumer/Family Advocacy, Outcomes, Data Analysis, Technology, Payment
  - 6. How will housing factor into the SHIP? (Camden Coalition has outcomes data)
  - 7. Concerns for behavioral health resources for senior citizens.
- M. Next steps
  - 1. Mr. Krenzler will edit/revise the final document so it is presentable; then that document will be shared with the Council so that goals may be prioritized.
  - 2. Then Mr. Krenzler will revise that draft for presentation to DoH.

**III. Membership / Election of Vice-Chair** (P. Lubitz, Chair Pro tem)

- A. Subcommittee (JR, PL, MV, CG) will deliberate on soliciting membership for candidates and also generating slate of candidates for election to vacant Vice-Chair position.
- B. Correspondence to go out to non-participating members of the CAB/BHPC to solicit their renewed involvement in the Council.

**IV. State Partners Updates**

- A. NJ Department of Health (John Calabria)
  - 1. Recent Certificate of Bed Need for 853 beds went out, applications received to fill 800 Beds. Only 53 beds in Northwest NJ went unfilled.
  - 2. Less than 20 of those beds have been implemented so far.
- B. NJ Department of Corrections (Dr. C. Lucca)
  - 1. Mid-State Correctional Facility (MSCF), near Fort Dix, NJ has a new state-of-the-art substance use disorder treatment facility.

2. There are challenges in determining screening / admission procedures.
3. Approximately 20-25% of prison population has at least one mental health diagnosis.
4. Dr. Herb Kaldany (NJ DoC) has been invited to speak at an upcoming BHPC meeting to inform the Council about the MSCF.

C. NJ Department of Education (Damian Petino & Jennifer Turi)

1. New Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners have been approved by state legislature.
2. Attempts to get greater interaction between NJ DoE and CIACCs.
3. Challenge of NJ having over 600 separate boards of education.
4. I.D.E.A. is not required in post-secondary educational settings.
5. Issue of having high school students having *modifications of academic standards*, however, in post-secondary situations, such modifications do not exist—there are *accommodations* instead.

D. Department of Children and Families (Geri Dietrich)

1. Working on updating all of DCF's websites.
2. PeformCare has a new video for families.
3. Christine Norbut Beyer is the new DCF Commissioner.
  - a. Trauma-informed care will be a high priority.

**V. Subcommittee Reports**

A. Advocacy / Data / Housing (Chris Lucca and L. Lukens)

1. Next meeting 6/13/18, 12:00
2. Working group to work on the Supportive Housing Association website's housing guide.
3. Working on a topic for recommendations.

B. Membership (P. Lubitz)

1. Will be working on developing a slate of candidates for Vice-Chair position.
2. Correspondence will be sent to members of CAB and BHPC who have not been satisfactorily participating in the Planning Council.

**VI. Comments**

A. The Family First Prevention Services Act was passed in May of this year aiming to revamp the Foster Care System in the country.

1. One of the key components is to limit the amount of time youth can be in a group setting (congregate care) to two weeks unless they are either pregnant, parenting or in need of nursing care.
2. States must provide a plan to DHHS by April 1, 2019 and implement it by Oct. 2019 on how they are going to increase the number of and licensing requirements for family-style settings providing foster care rather than congregate care. If states request a 2 year extension, they will forfeit their prevention funding.
3. The act also threatens the eligibility for funding for kinship foster care such as grandparents raising grandchildren.
4. On a positive note, it removes the requirement to prove at-risk families must meet poverty standards.

5. There will no longer be a time limit for family reunification. This may impact the ability to place children up for adoption keeping them in a state of limbo.
6. States must come up with plans to keep children with their parents, and ways to keep them from dying from abuse and neglect. One idea proposed is to offer parents in SUD long-term treatment the ability to keep their children with them for up to 12 months and then 15 months of follow-up care.
7. HHS will release guidance on practice criteria required for prevention services or programs and a pre-approved list of services and programs that meet the requirements of promising, supported or well-supported practices.

**VII. Meeting Adjourned & Announcements**

- A. Next Meeting of the Planning Council: Wednesday, July 11, 10:00 am, DMHAS Office, 5 Commerce Way, Hamilton NJ 08611, Suite 100
- B. Planned Subcommittee Meetings (7/11/18):  
9:00: TBA  
12:00: Advocacy / Data / Housing
- C. Happy Father's Day