

New Jersey Behavioral Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes,
April 10, 2019 10:00 A.M.

Attendees:

Phil Lubitz	Winifred Chain	Julia Barugel	Harry Coe (p)
Michael Ippolitti (p)	Joe Gutstein (p)	Cheri Thompson	Alice Garcia
Cindy Aviles	Maryanne Evanko	Lisa Negrón	
Suzanne Smith (p)	Chris Lucca (p)	Tracy Maksel	Robin Weiss
Connie Greene	Suzanne Borys	Diane Riley	
Chris Morrison	Damian Petino	Barbara Johnston (p)	
Michele Madiou			

DMHAS, CSOC, DDD & DMAHS Staff:

Geri Dietrich	Mark Kruszczyński	Heather Reid	Shanique McGowan
Stuart Waldorf	Jonathan Sabin	Diana Keyes	Gwen Carrick

Guests:

Rachel Morgan Kurt Baker Francis Walker Danielle Cromartie-Williams

(p) Indicates participation via conference call.

- I. Welcome / Administrative Issues / Correspondence / Announcements**
- A. Quorum Reached: 22 out of 38 members (57.8% attendance).
 - B. Phil Lubitz unanimously elected Chair, *pro-tem* of today's Planning Council meeting
 - C. Minutes from March 13, 2019 meeting approved (with minor edits)
- II. NJ FamilyCare: Presentation of the MATrx model for Office-Based Addictions Treatment (Gwen Carrick & Diana Kayes, NJ Familycare) [See PowerPoint presentation, sent to BHPC on 04/17/19].**
- A. Comments**
- 1. Suggestion for a GIS map of the locations of: Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCS), Office-Based Treatment Providers (OTPS) and Primary Care Providers (PCPs)
 - 2. Are PCPs carved into Managed Care?
 - 3. Comment from audience: Possible barrier, medical facilities have limited office space for Peer Navigators to work with consumers. The economics of giving office space to Peer Navigators, rather than to physicians (who are at a higher billable rate) could pose fiscal hardships to agencies.
 - 4. Question regarding the training of Peer Navigators. How will Peer Navigators receive information on resources of interest to consumers (i.e., housing, local Mental Health Resources, etc.)
 - a. Comment: Pertinent information on locally available behavioral health resources can be obtained at the County Board of Human Services.
 - 5. Comments from audience: Peer Navigators don't exist yet. This is still a model of care that hasn't been put into practice yet.
 - 6. Comment from Audience: Substance Use Disorder is a new disorder; the medical community has no real experience in treating it.

- III. Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee (ISMICC)** (Elena Kravitz, DRNJ). [PowerPoint presentation distributed via email to Council, 4/17/19].
- A. See PowerPoint presentation
 - B. ISMICC was authorized by the 21st Century Cures Act (H.R. 34, Sect. 6031 in 2016) to oversee all federal mental health programs.
 - C. Elena is on ICMICC to represent peers, families and consumers.
 - D. ISMICC made 171 recommendations, but 41 of those recommendations made it into the final report.
 - E. Question: Since its inception what has been done through ISMICC? Answer” “Not enough”, however workgroups were created, and expert inbox has been obtained.
 - F. Challenges:
 - 1. Paulo DelVecchio has been reassigned elsewhere at CMHS. He was a great advocate.
 - 2. Who will speak to Elinor McCance-Katz, (Assistant Secretary for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Abuse) about the issued championed by ISMICC?
 - G. Questions:
 - 1. Question: Based on the track record of unfulfilled federal behavioral health projects, what is the expectation for the future (of ISMICC)? Answer: “I am worried about the state of mental health in the United States. We are solely talking about medications but little else. We are in a lull right now...we need to act. We need to create ideas and integrate [people of different geographic regions and different backgrounds in mental health].”

IV. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Advocacy: looking at training of front-line staff at provider agencies contracted by DMHAS.
- B. Membership Subcommittee
 - a. DMHAS Liaison to the BHPC is working with the DHS Central Office on CAB appointments:
 - b. Recent resignations of:
 - i. Karen Vogel Romance (CAB Member, Provider Representative)
 - ii. Annette Wright (CAB Member, Provider Representative)
 - c. BHPC is still seeking family members with young children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED).
 - i. G. Dietrich reports that there are two prospective families of children with SED who may want to join the Council. Follow-up is forthcoming.
 - ii. A member of the Council requested G. Dietrich/DCF to send out membership solicitation emails to substance abuse navigators.

V. State Partners Involvement

- A. NJ Department of Education (DOE), (Damian Petino)
 - 1. Upcoming social/emotional learning conference
 - 2. “Equity in Education” Conference, will be happening this Summer.
- B. Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC), (Alice Garcia & Francis Walker): Working on a secure intensive treatment unit (which will be informed with trauma-informed care)
- C. Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), (Jonathan Sabin): Upcoming updates to the manual of family recovery supports through community care.

D. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (NJ DVRS – Cheri Thompson): 24 vendors will receive a total of \$2M to provide training/vocational opportunities for all students with developmental disabilities.

VI. Announcements, Adjournment & Next Meeting

- A. NJ Department of Health (DoH) will have its budget hearing, broadcast live, 4/11/19, 10:30 am at www.njleg.state.nj.us
- B. Department of Children and Families Budget hearing is Monday, 4/15/19.
- C. Governor Murphy will be signing Mental Health Parity Law at Helen Fuld Medical Center, on 4/11/19. [See <https://www.nj.com/politics/2019/04/nj-mental-health-patients-will-get-help-when-they-need-it-under-new-law-signed-by-murphy.html>]
- D. NJ Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association will have a meeting on 5/23/19 at the Forsgate Country Club to discuss the impact of marijuana legalization.
- E. Meeting adjourned
- B. Next meeting of the NJ BHPC will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at 10:00 am at DMHAS Headquarters, 5 Commerce Way, Suite 100, room 199a.
 - 1. Subcommittee Meetings on 5/8/19:
 - a. 9:00 AM, Membership
 - b. 12:00 PM, Advocacy