

NEW JERSEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

July 13, 2022, 10:00 am

This meeting was conducted exclusively through MS Teams video teleconference & conference call

Notices of the meeting were sent to the Asbury Park Press, The Times (Trenton), Bergen Record, The Press (Pleasantville), and the Courier-Post (Cherry Hill).

Participants:

Darlema Bey (Chair)	Winifred Chain	Harry Coe	Heather Simms
Joseph Gutstein	Connie Greene	Pat Matthews	Krista Connelly
Damien Petino	Francis Walker	Suzanne Smith	Donna Migliorino
Rachel Morgan	Robin Weiss	David Moore	Robert DePlatt

DMHAS, CSOC, DDD, DMAHS & DoH Staff:

Jonathan Sabin	Mark Kruszczyński	Suzanne Borys	Helen Staton
Irena Stuchinsky	Yunqing Li		

Guests:

Kurt Baker	Bernadette Moore	Nina Smuklavskiy	Anne Smullen-Thieling
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Minutes:

- I. **Administrative Issues/Correspondence** (Darlema Bey)
 - A. Attendance, 16/34, 47% attendance, quorum reached
 - B. Minutes of June 2022 General Meeting approved unanimously.
 - C. Reorganization:
 1. Darlema Bey's introduction as Chair of NJ BHPC
 2. Request made for additional members, especially parents of children in the Children's System of Care.
 3. Elections to be held in January 2023 for Chair and Vice-Chair
 - D. Motion made, seconded and approved to change the order of discussion of today's agenda
- II. **BHPC Subcommittees**
 - A. Advocacy (D. Bey)
 1. Review of Advocacy Committee Letter regarding wait times of children in emergency room settings.
 - a. Letter was shared via MS Teams and read aloud by D. Bey.
 - b. Motion made by Connie to submit to vote on the letter
 - c. Motion passed, with 14 votes (or 87.5% the 16 voting members in attendance.) in favor of the letter as presented.

- B. Membership (D. Bey)
1. The following members of the Planning Council were contacted both via phone and via certified letter to indicate that they have been removed as a voting member of the Planning Council due to non-attendance.
 - a. Scott Kelsey (Consumer)
 - b. Joanne Oppelt (Consumer)
 - c. Regina Sessoms (Consumer)
 - d. Jim Romer (Provider)
 2. Phil Lubitz has retired from the Planning Council / Citizens Advisory Board. His appointment to the Citizens Advisory Board, (and his replacement) is determined solely by the Governor's Office, however he cannot be considered a member of the Council, for purposes of tabulating ratios of consumer members: non-consumer members in Block Grant reporting.

II. 2023 Community Mental Health Block Grant Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant Mini Application Review

- A. Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) (D. Migliorino)
1. Review of the Mental Health Block Grant Mini Plan, due by 9/1/22
 2. Review of the new Crisis section in the mental health plan requiring the reporting on the three components of the evidence based practice for behavioral health crisis care including:
 - a. someone to call – 988
 - b. someone to come- mobile crisis response
 - c. somewhere to go – crisis receiving and stabilization centers
 2. The Mini Plan should be reviewed by the Planning Council in August as that is the last meeting prior to submission on September 1st.
 3. The mini plan requirements can be reviewed in WebBGas. DMHAS recently received notification that the site was revised for the new plan and we could begin to upload information.
 4. Q&A
 - a. 988 –will go live nationwide on July 16, 2022. V. Mielke and MJ Weston will be at the next meeting to further discuss 988.
 - b. 988 is the first core component of the three to roll out. Mobile Crisis Response and crisis receiving stabilization are still in the planning phases.
 5. WebBGas login can be done by googling the word WebGas or by going to their website at: [Welcome To WebBGAS \(samhsa.gov\)](https://www.samhsa.gov/webbgas). [The username is citizennj and the password is citizen](https://www.samhsa.gov/webbgas)
 6. Review of remainder of reporting requirements for MHBG in WebBGas
 - a. Review of MH Fiscal tables due for 9/1 miniplan
 - b. Review of Tables related to the Planning Council and discussion that these tables would be prepared by Mark in advance of the next meeting for review by the Council.
 - c. Q&A:
 - i. Q: [What is the status of] EISS?
A: EISS is an important part of the crisis response system especially for when someone calls 988.
 - ii. Q: What happens when someone calls 988?

A: For further information, please refer to the NJDMHAS website for a PowerPoint presentation from Val. You will have the benefit of asking questions at the next meeting one month after 988 has been live.

[988 A Status Report \(nj.gov\)](#)

iii. Q: Quality Improvement / outcomes assessment?

A: USTF+ (client level data system) roll out is pending current pilot testing with providers. There are outcomes built into this data system currently and there are more outcomes to be programmed including outcomes for the evidence-based practices that align with the EBP toolkits. This will be in the next phase.

Q: Will these outcomes show client outcomes as the CCBHCs are only collecting process outcomes?

A: The USTF+ is currently programmed to collect data on employment and other national outcome measures. There will be more outcomes added in the next phase.

B. Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant. (H. Staton)

1. Review of WebBGas
2. Table5b and 5c
3. Environmental Factors, Item 22 “Public Comment”
4. The Mini application is mostly fiscal tables
5. Discussion of public comment of the Mini-plan

V. System Partner Updates, Chairs of Subcommittees

A. Division of Developmental Disabilities (J. Sabin)

1. Day Services Rate Increase – On October 1, 2021, Day Services Rates (i.e. Career Planning, Community Inclusion Services, Day Habilitation, Prevocational Training - Group and Individual, and Supported Employment - Group and Individual) were increased due to one-time funding. The amount of the increase was calculated using projections that did not meet actual utilization of services. To correct this moving forward the Division will increase day service rates by an additional 3% effective July 1, 2022. Notice of rate increase has been published on the Public Notices section of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services website

B. Juvenile Justice Commission (F. Walker)

1. Residents returning to the work-study program in communities (local McDonalds, Cracker Barrel, etc.)
2. Staff required to wear masks

C. Department of Education (D. Petino)

1. Online safety, see:
<https://www.nj.gov/education/safety/docs/OnlineSafetyFlyer.pdf> and
https://www.nj.gov/education/students/safety/socservices/abuse/Online%20Safety%20Guide%20for%20Parents%20and%20Caregivers_Final%20Accessible_6.20.22.pdf
2. Hope, Healing and Resilience: An online art gallery
[Hope, Healing and Resilience Through the COVID-19 Pandemic \(nj.gov\)](#)

3. MH webinars will be kicking off in November, stay tuned for more information
4. Question about Assembly Bill 660. A: Cannot be commented on until legislature passes.
5. Depression Screening grant may be forthcoming

D. Children’s System of Care (N. Pecht)

1. New Budget, ARP spending plan/resources. CSOC is excited by comprehensive approach
 - a. Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
 - b. Additional respite funds for youth with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and their families.
 - c. DREAMS Program (Resiliency, Nurtured Heart, train-the-trainer approach)
 - d. CSOC is reviewing the budget and planning for implementation at this early stage of the State Fiscal Year
2. ARC / ARC Grow – this evidence-based intervention for youth with complex trauma and their caregiving system is being taught to Intensive In-Community providers and will build capacity through a train-the-trainer model.
3. Zero Suicide is a transformational framework bringing safer suicide care to health and behavioral health models. Year one will implementation has begun with Care Management and Family Support Organizations; year two will include Mobile Response and additional providers.
4. Q&A
 - a. Q: Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) in the adult system of care? How might it differ from the adults version of PACT? A: Not known at this time.

VI. Open Public Comment and Announcements D. Bey

- A. Desirability of having someone on the Council who represents the screening centers (MESA)
- B. CSP NJ
 1. CSP Fall Festival, 9/29/22, about 300 guests, still looking for facility
 2. CSP Expanded pilot cell phone project. To be expanded to 500 consumers, to receive a free cell phone and service for 12 months
 3. New Chief Operating Officer at CSPNJ: Anne Smullen Thieling

VII. Adjournment D. Bey

- A. Meeting adjourned, 12:04 pm.
- B. Future Agenda Items
 1. 8/10/22:
 2. TBD
- C. Next General Meeting August 10, 2022, 10:00 am
 1.

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2. Subcommittee meetings on 8/10/22
 - a. 9:00 Membership
 - b. 9:30 Block Grant
 - b. 12:00 Advocacy