

Behavioral Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2020

Members Present: Brian Wellwood, Greg Johnson, Dawne Velianoff, Eva Petoskey, Jeff Van Treese, Jamie Pennell, Julie Barron, Karen Cashen, Kevin Fischer, Kristie Schmiede, ShaRon Crandell, Larry Scott, Lindsey DeCamp, Malkia Newman, Mark Maggio, Melissa Potter, Mark Reinstein, Mary Chaliman, Michael Leathead, Michelle Roberts, Norman Delisle, Paula Nelson, Sally Steiner, Stephanie Oles

Members Absent: Arlene Kashata, Ben Jones, Elmer Cerano, Erin Emerson, Jane Shank, Kevin McLaughlin, Linda Burghardt, Maxine Thome

Others Present: Dave Schneider, Lindsey DeCamp, Melissa Rai, Katherine O'Hare, Kim Batsche-McKenzie, Krissy Dristy, Pam Werner, Steven Henry, Rachel Zuckerman

Welcome and Introductions: Kristie called the meeting to order and introductions took place.

Review & Approval of the November 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Malkia moved, Michelle seconded, minutes approved as written.

Behavioral Health System Transformation Presentation – Rachel Zuckerman

Rachel Z. presented on the current status of the Behavioral Health System Transformation. Following the presentation, Mark R. introduced a motion: To have the department wait to develop the end vision until they obtain broad based stakeholder input for what should be done next. The motion was discussed but Paula indicated that she couldn't support the motion because we don't know the end vision yet. Malkia commented that integrating money isn't going to solve the problem. Kevin F. asked if the department reviewed the affinity groups recommendations from 3 years ago? Mark R. indicated that Director Gordon said they could look at that. Dave Schneider commented that we have reviewed in detail all the 298 recommendations. Paula N. is currently working with department and while she doesn't like everything, she is willing to take their word that they want to engage in meaningful input from her. She is losing staff at record levels. Malkia commented that the sticking point regarding the specialty plan is that it does not address Medicaid Health Plans going to homeless shelters, etc., there is no common language. Stephanie O. commented that the council should take the lead instead of reacting to what plans the department has. Rachel responded to the comments by reminding that the previous plan, 298, took all behavioral health service dollars and carved them into the current Medicaid Health Plans. This proposal is creating totally new entities, whole person care entities for both the physical health and mental health side. A vote on the motion took place with 9 yes, 1 no, and 13 abstentions, motion carried.

Eva then introduced a motion: The Post 298 process going forward should include but not be limited to stakeholder input, thorough affinity group input, new public forums that are not based on a pre ordered plan and have focus groups. Mark R. distributed a list of related principles developed by mental health groups. 13 yes, 1 no, and 9 abstentions, motion carried. Karen C. suggested that there be a 2-hour conference call set up before the next meeting, should be centered around a specific topic area. A doodle poll will be sent out to determine the best date for the council. Jeff V. suggested that the council consider a small committee of about 4-5 members, current members of the BHAC, to give advice to the department and report back to the BHAC. The group would meet or have a conference call in between our meetings, or as needed. The council recommended that the committee should be made up of Mark R., Norm D., Malkia N., Eva P., Paula N., Jamie P., and Kristie S. A review of the By-laws revealed special committee development is at the chair's discretion. A discussion took place regarding services, Stephanie O. commented that there used to be more progressive services offered such as wrap around services, transportation, etc., she is hopeful that the new committee will get us on a better footing with the department.

BHAC Officer Elections

Mark moved, Julie seconded, current members continue. Motion carries.

MDHHS/BHDDA Update

No update given at the Meeting.

Public Policy Report – Mark Reinstein

HB 5043 – If CMH Clients are not satisfied with services or supports they can file a complaint and if the complaint is not resolved they don't have to give up any of their other rights. Use of mediation as a first step in dispute resolution.

PA 12 2020 – Michigan must have a mental health access hotline.

SB 612 – The Bill would lessen medication prior authorization and step therapy in the private sector. Not reported out.

SB 672 – The Bill would remove the requirement that Health facilities have to obtain a certificate of need for an increase in psychiatric beds and certain specialized psychiatric programs. Reported out.

SB 673 – The Bill would require the acceptance of public patients (at least 50%) as a condition of licensing for psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric units. Reported out.

Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration: Created in the Spring of 2019, the task force was charged with examining how state laws, policies, and budgetary decisions affect who goes to jail and how long they stay, and with crafting policy recommendations for the legislature's consideration in 2020. Report issued January.

Public Comment

Pat S.

Suicide prevention hotline – The current hotline is a 1-800 phone number, is going to become a 3-digit number in a couple years.

HB 5482 – The Bill would require all schools that provide school id's to have a suicide prevention hotline number on the id.

SB 228 – The Bill would create a Suicide Prevention Commission. Passed in the Senate on December 11, 2019 and signed by the Governor Whitmer on December 20, 2019.

State Suicide Prevention – Have to issue a report with recommendations. Appointed by the Governor.

Announcements

Karen C. – Karen updated the council that the department will be two separating into two administrations: State Hospital Administration and Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Administration. Dr. Mellos will be the Senior Deputy Director of the State Hospital Administration and Allen Jansen will be the Senior Deputy Director of the Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Administration.

Pat S. – Announced the Public Health State Suicide Grant. There will be 5 crisis lines centers. The centers will be able to go from answering 35% to 70% of the lifeline calls.

Announced that Lindsey DeCamp will be taking Pat Smith's place on the council.

Stephanie O.

Announced that she is the Michigan State Housing Authority Equity and Inclusion Officer.

Brian W.

The date of the annual Walk a mile in my shoes will be May 14, 2020 from 1:30-3pm at the State Capitol Building.

The Michigan 2020 Peer Conference will be held May 27-29, 2020 at the Lansing Center.

Upper Peninsula – Marquette – Northern MI University – Event, May 5, 2020

Julie B.

The CEI-CMH Annual Community Breakfast will be held on May 23, 2020 at the Lansing Center from 8am until noon.

Kristie adjourned the meeting.