

Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition

Behavioral Health Work Group Meeting

February 21, 2019; 9:00 am -10:30 am

Howard County Health Department

Barton A/B Conference Room

Minutes

Members Present:

Barbara Allen, James Place Inc.
Candace Ball, Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services
Tiffany Callender, Horizon Foundation
Marianne Gibson, Howard County Health Department
Karen Hull, Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services
Stephanie Kersheskey, Howard County Health Department
Wanda Riddle, Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families
Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Howard County Health Department
Catherine Roogow, Columbia Rising
Maura Rossman, Howard County Health Department
Laura Torres, Howard County General Hospital
Amy Wahl, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree

Guests Present:

Kayla Blasher, Howard County Health Department
Katie Downes, Congruent Counseling Services
Alexandra Podolny, Howard County Health Department
Carrie Embrey, Howard County General Hospital

HCLHIC Staff Present:

Sharif Braxton, HCLHIC Program Coordinator
Reena Rambharat, HCLHIC Program Coordinator
Kelly Kesler, HCLHIC Director

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Reena Rambharat called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Participants introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes and Member Announcements	Kelly Kesler provided a brief recap of the meeting on October 18, 2018. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written by Laura Torres and seconded by Barbara Allen. Work group member announcements were shared.	Group members are encouraged to provide event information for inclusion on the HCLHIC website and to visit the site for information on upcoming Behavioral Health Events: http://www.hclhic.org/news-

	<p>Dr. Rodgers-Bonaccorsy discussed the \$1 Million grant SOAR grant received by the Howard County Health Department for the expansion of Howard County’s Opioid Response Crisis Services.</p> <p>Dr. Rossman suggested that the work group may want to explore the issue of connecting community members through singular or multiple entry points in a future meeting.</p>	<p>events/lhic-and-partner-events/month.calendar/.</p> <p>To request an event be added to the HCLHIC Community calendar contact Kelly Kesler at kkesler@howardcountymd.gov.</p> <p>A follow-up email was sent to work group members following the meeting with links and information.</p> <p>The HCLHIC Program Coordinator will include <i>connecting with community members</i> as an agenda for a future work group discussion.</p>
Youth Suicide Prevention Plan (YSPP)	<p>Kayla Blasher gave a brief overview of the Youth Suicide Prevention Plan (YSPP) toolkit, and dates for the Talk Saves Lives and SafeTALK trainings.</p> <p>Kayla Blasher and Reena Rambharat conducted a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis of the YSPP toolkit with the meeting participants.</p>	<p>Feedback on the SWOT analysis will be provided to the staff working on the YSPP and incorporated as appropriate moving forward.</p>
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Presentation	<p>Alexandra Podolny gave a presentation on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and how it may impact behavioral health issues.</p> <p>Dr. Rossman noted the importance of ACEs on behavioral health and requested that work group members share information and consider ways that the ACEs training may benefit their organizations or work.</p>	<p>Reena Rambharat will coordinate a meeting with Health Department Bureau of Behavioral Health staff to discuss future ACEs training opportunities for coalition members.</p>
Next Steps and Wrap Up	<p>Kelly Kesler shared that that the HCLHIC staff are piloting a “Virtual Meeting” format for the February Healthy Aging and Healthy Weight meetings. All are welcome to participate and to share feedback.</p> <p>The press conference announcing the YSPP is scheduled for February 26, 2019 at Noon in the Barton A/B Rooms. All are welcome.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by
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