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## Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition

Behavioral Health Work Group Meeting

October 12, 2017 – 9:00 – 10:30 am

Barton A & B

### Minutes

#### Members Present:

Alikah Adair, NAMI HC  
 Tiffany Callendar, Horizon  
 Lisa Cooper Lucas, Delta Sigma Theta  
 Beverley Francis-Gibson, NAMI HC  
 Alex Kruskal, HCHD Intern  
 Stu Kohn, Howard County Citizens Association

Carla Lawson, Howard Community College  
 Claudia Lempges, HCHD  
 Juli Murray, Humanim  
 Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, HCHD  
 Laura Torres, HCGH  
 Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree

#### Staff Present:

Kelly Kesler, HCLHIC Program Director  
 Mary Wahl, HCLHIC Program Manager  
 Lauren Williams, HCLHIC Program Coordinator  
 Sharif Braxton, HCLHIC Program Coordinator

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<p>Lauren Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.</p> <p>Group members introduced themselves.</p>	
<b>Approval of Minutes and Announcements</b>	<p>Lauren Williams shared that the work group meeting would be recorded for production of minutes.</p> <p>Minutes for the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were sent on August 24<sup>th</sup>. There was one correction submitted. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written by Stu Kohn and seconded by Claudia Lempges .</p> <p>Members were asked to share any announcements from their</p>	<p>Minutes from the previous meeting will be available one week prior to the next meeting date at <a href="http://www.hclhic.org/membership/meeting-portal">http://www.hclhic.org/membership/meeting-portal</a>.</p> <p>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: <a href="http://www.hclhic.org/news-events/lhic-and-partner-events/month.calendar/">http://www.hclhic.org/news-events/lhic-and-partner-events/month.calendar/</a>. To request an event be added to the HCLHIC Community calendar contact Kelly Kesler at</p>

organizations.

Laura Torres gave an overview of the HCGH expansion project. This project will result in an expanded ER and behavioral health unit including a separate unit for pediatric patients. The hospital has also recently opened a new psychiatry outpatient center.

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Laura Torres announced the HCGH Population Health Department will be hosting Mental Health First Aid Trainings on the below dates:

- [October 27<sup>th</sup>](#)  
8:30 am- 5:00 pm  
St. John the Baptist Church
- [November 16<sup>th</sup>](#)  
8:30 am -5:00 pm  
HCGH Wellness Center

Beverley Francis- Gibson shared NAMI HC is hosting their [3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Basket Bingo on Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>](#).

Joan Webb Scornaienchi shared these events:

- [Finding Your Own Path to Success](#)  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am -1:00pm  
Roger Carter Community Center
- [Not My Child, Yes Your Child Program](#)  
Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Marriotts Ridge High School
- [Drug Take Back Day](#)  
Oct 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am -2:00pm  
Wilde Lake Village Center Parking Lot

Carla Lawson shared Howard Community College is looking for partners working in addictions to host student interns. For more information, please contact Carla Lawson at [clawson@howardcc.edu](mailto:clawson@howardcc.edu)

Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy shared that 7 new providers have opened or expanded their services in Howard County since last October.

Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy provided updates on the Bureau of Behavioral Health (BBH)'s Opioid Overdose Response Campaign. Information was also shared by Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy on the following:

- [Updated Resource Guide](#)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Teen Health Summit</a> October 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30am -2:00pm Howard Community College</li> <li>• <a href="#">Opiate Prevention Forum</a> October 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am -12:00pm Grace Episcopal Family Life Center</li> <li>• <a href="#">Reclaim You Open House</a> October 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am -1:00pm 8815 Centre Park Drive, Suite 300 Columbia, MD 21045</li> </ul>
<b>Stigma Discussion</b>	Lauren Williams showed a portion of the documentary <a href="#">Beyond Silence</a> , which chronicles the lives of three individuals and their experience with mental illness. Following the documentary, Beverley Francis-Gibson moderated a discussion on members’ perspectives on stigma.	Coalition members shared perspectives on the documentary and signed the pledge to Be Stigma Free. It was suggested by Stu Kohn to show the documentary throughout the county. Beverley Francis-Gibson distributed the Stigma Free Pledge for members to sign. <a href="#">Sign the pledge here</a> .
<b>Strategic Planning Discussion</b>	Kelly Kesler led the discussion on the next phase of implementing the FY 18-20 Action Plan. Kelly emphasized the need for baseline data on mental health programs in the county. Mary Wahl led the brainstorming discussion on current available programs in the county.	Members brainstormed what mental health evidence-based programs are currently already taking place in the county to assist with the baseline data collection process for the FY18-20 strategic plan.
<b>Wrap Up and Adjournment</b>	The full work group meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.	

**Work Group**

November 16, 2017 9:00 – 10:30 am, Barton A & B

**FULL HCLHIC**

January 25, 2018 8:30 – 10:30 am, Susquehanna

Respectfully submitted by  
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