

LHIC Behavioral Health Work Group Meeting
11.20.14 - 9:30 a.m.
Minutes

Members present:

Kristin Weschler, HC Dept. of Citizen Services	Anika Swartz, ACIDD Maryland
Beverley Francis-Gibson, NAMI HC	Leah Blain, Chase Brexton
Andrew Angelino, HCGH	Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, HC Health Dept.
Donna Wells, HC Mental Health Authority	Ronna Gotthainer, HC Health Dept.
Maura Rossman, HC Health Dept.	Stu Kohn, HC Citizens Association
Elana Acs, Grassroots	Debbie Anderson, On Our Own HC
Jesse Guercio, Humanim	

Also present:

Jeananne Sciabarra, LHIC Program Director	Wendy Wolff, Maryland Nonprofits
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Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy opened the meeting at 9:35.

Behavioral Health Task Force

Donna provided a brief update on the Howard County Behavioral Health Task Force. At the first meeting on October 8, Maura gave the data presentation that the work group created. The group created 4 committees and each committee is to address access to care, diversity, trauma, and age groups. Each committee is to come up with one or two recommendations that can be accomplished.

Continuum of Care

The group discussed the continuum of care spreadsheet. LHIC staff are still trying to get information from several providers. The group suggested we include insurance information and capacity of providers. There was some discussion around the purpose of this document how the information will be used.

Review of 2012-2014 Action Plan

The group discussed the activities completed toward the 2012-2014 Action Plan. Jeananne will update the spreadsheet for the next meeting.

Goals and Strategies for 2015 -2017 Action Plan

The group began to brainstorm goals and strategies to be included in the new action plan. Strategies discussed included:

- Making the Continuum of Care into a resource useful to providers and/or patients
- Informing the work of the Behavioral Health Task Force
- Educating primary care providers, including those caring for the older population, about behavioral health issues

This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

The following ideas were also shared:

- Whether the SHIP measure around ED visits for behavioral health is appropriate – the group suggested we note the assumption that decreased ED usage for behavioral health issues is the result of a better continuum of care in the community.
- Changing the measure of success from a negative (keeping people with behavioral health emergencies out of the ED) to a positive measure (possibly something around increasing the usage rates of providers)
- The need for intermediate measures that show progress toward the overall goal

Action Items:

Jeananne will send the latest version of the care continuum and a copy of the blank form to the group.

Jeananne will update the 2012-2014 spreadsheet for the next meeting.

LHIC staff will send out a Doodle Poll to select the next meeting from these two options: Tuesday, December 16, 1:00 - 3:00; Wednesday, December 17, 8:00 – 10:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeananne Sciabarra
LHIC Program Director