

LHIC Behavioral Health Workgroup Meeting
5.21.14 - 9:00 a.m.
Minutes

The following work group members were present: Stuart Kohn, Roe Bonaccorsy-Rodgers, Paul Gleichauf, Donna Wells, Ronna Gotthainer, Nikki Vernick, Yasmin Viera, Maura Rossman. Also present: Colette Wolf, Way Station, and Jeananne Sciabarra, LHIC Program Manager.

The group had a brief discussion about the recent work group history and purpose of the meeting.

Donna and Nikki briefed the group on the Behavioral Health Task Force that is being formed. The group discussed how it can support the task force without duplicating its efforts. The action items are as follows:

- Nikki will talk with Jim McGill about updating the gap analysis that was done last year with FY 2014 data.
- Paul will get data for the analysis.
- Donna will forward the data sheets to providers that MHA contracts with to get a comprehensive picture of services in the county.
- Roe will ask private providers to fill out the data sheets.
- Jeananne will continue to work on the Behavioral Health Care Continuum and assemble the data sheets that are returned.

The group brainstormed individuals and organizations that should be included on the task force:

- School system
- “On Our Own” mental health consumer
- Adult Practice – suggestion was to ask Dwayne Oberlander at Columbia Medical Practice who is likely to suggest David Leichtling who is a family practice doctor in the practice
- Pediatric Practice – suggestions include Wendell McKay at Parnes, May, McKay and Associates or Oliver Galita at Ellicott City Pediatric Associates
- Child Psychiatrist – suggestions include Kevin Harrison at Maryland Centers for Psychiatry in Ellicott City or Malika Closon, University of Maryland
- Someone from the Faith Community
- Urgent Care Center – Bob Graw at RiteTime is a pediatrician or someone from Patient First

Donna described the mental health initiatives that are being funded this year by the county:

- An evidence-based suicide prevention program, funding a position at Grassroots to connect patients from the ED to providers.
- A 2nd Mobile Crisis Team, operating 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Mental Health First Aid training

Colette described all of the Way Station programs that serve Howard County residents. Programs include: Outpatient Mental Health Clinic; Psych Rehabilitation Program (PRP); Health Home; Residential; ACT; and, Community Employment Program. They also have a Benefits Counselor

to help patients apply for benefits and they are connected to CRISP so that they know when patients visit the ED.

The group scheduled the next meeting for Monday, June 23, 9:00 a.m., at the Health Department.

Jeananne asked all members to review the Behavioral Health Work Group summary that she distributed and send her any comments by May 30. This is to be included in the packet for new LHIC members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeananne Sciabarra
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