

**LHIC Behavioral Health Work Group Meeting**  
**8.10.15 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**Members present:**

Stu Kohn, HC Citizens Association  
Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, HC Health Dept.  
Maura Rossman, HC Health Dept.  
Antigone Vickery, HC Health Dept.  
Max Pettis, Alfa Specialty Pharmacy  
Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree  
Danielle Herrmann, Evergreen Health Care  
Beverly Francis-Gibson, NAMI HC

**Also present:**

Alvaro Ortiz, LHIC Program Manager

**Introductions and Approval of Minutes**

Roe opened the meeting at 2:08 p.m. and started with introductions. Following, she asked members if they had reviewed the minutes. Stu made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Rossman seconded the motion. The group unanimously approved the minutes.

**Revisions to the 2015-2017 Action Plan**

Roe moved to talk about the revised action plan and pointed out the changes that she had made. She encouraged the group to continue looking at the plan and make suggestions for changes/edits as necessary. She mentioned that the new organization of the plan is easier to read and to follow.

Dr. Rossman proposed to move and number the goals on the first page of the plan. She also brought up the issue of accountability among the partner organizations for each of the actions. She said it was important to identify and appoint a lead organization for each of the actions to ensure the actions were being done and the timelines are met.

Members asked how the different partner organizations were chosen. Roe explained that some of the organizations were selected based on the work and the involvement they have with behavioral health in the County. However, most partners were volunteered by their member representative within the work group. Roe said she will work on identifying lead organizations within each of the actions. However, she explained that after these organizations are selected it will be necessary to reach out to them to confirm their commitment.

**Community Forum Discussion**

Stu handed out his proposal for a community forum. He asked members to read over the proposal and provide feedback. He also informed the group that he had been in contact with the County Executive's Office and that the County Executive might be attending the next LHIC meeting in September. He said if not the County Executive, he believes there will be at least a representative attending from his office.

After reviewing the proposal, members asked about the duration of the forum. Stu asked the group to look at the proposed items on his agenda and consider a reasonable time length for the forum. Members also discussed the main focus of the forum and the information that would be conveyed to the public.

Before moving forward with the plan, Dr. Rossman proposed to wait after the LHIC meeting on September 24. Beverly also shared that the Horizon Foundation and HCGH might also be interested in collaborating on a community forum and that potential funding may be available through these organizations. She believed this was a direct recommendation from the Behavioral Health Task Force.

Stu expressed that he didn't believe it was necessary to wait until the LHIC meeting to move forward with the plan. As a result, Dr. Rossman suggested bringing the idea of the forum (meeting) to the full LHIC, so the full membership can have the opportunity to hear about the idea and formally vote on a decision. Members agreed with this suggestion and asked to present the idea at the upcoming LHIC meeting in September.

If the full LHIC supports the idea, the plan will be to have a two-hour evening forum in lieu of the November LHIC meeting. The Howard County library was suggested as a potential venue.

Stu agreed to revise and polish the proposed agenda for the forum and send it to Alvaro. This agenda will be included as a discussion item at the September 24 LHIC meeting where the full membership will vote on it.

### **Goal 3: Reduced number of drug-induced deaths in HC**

Roe moved to talk about goal 3 in the Action Plan and briefly reviewed the actions under this strategy.

Joan showed an example of an information poster that HC DrugFree has developed to provide to pharmacies informing them about Drug Take-Back Day. She said that they had 71 pharmacies that will be targeted for distribution of these materials.

Max asked Joan if they had any handouts available that could be given with the actual medication to the patients at the pharmacies. He also suggested talking to individual pharmacies to see if they could print proper medicine disposal information as part of the print-outs that usually come with the medication. Joan shared that in the past they haven't had much success talking to pharmacies. Max agreed to look into how this information could be included in the information distributed with the medications.

Joan announced that Dr. Rossman will be the chair of the overdose fatality review team. Joan has provided drafts of all of the start-up documents to Roe for review and approval. The goal is to have the first meeting in October.

### **Doodle Poll for October Meeting**

Based on the current meeting schedule, the October meeting falls on October 12. However, because this date is a holiday and the Howard County Health Department will be closed, the meeting will have to be rescheduled. Roe and Donna will select a few dates as alternatives and a Doodle poll will be sent out to members to schedule a new meeting date.

**Action Items**

- Roe will work on identifying lead organizations within each of the actions and work with Alvaro to update the Action Plan based on the suggestions provided by the members.
- Stu will revise and polish the proposed agenda for the community forum and send it to Alvaro.
- Max will look into how proper disposal of medication information could be included in the hand-outs distributed with medications at pharmacies.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24 following the full LHIC meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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LHIC Program Manager