

LHIC Behavioral Health Work Group Meeting
11.18.15 – 10:00 a.m.
Minutes

Members Present:

Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, HCHD
Beverley Francis-Gibson, NAMI HC
Joan Webb Scornaienchi, HC DrugFree
Andy Angelino, HCGH
Tonya Williams, Emerge
Kathy Jones, Columbia Association
Donna Wells, HCMHA
Deb Piez, HCMHA
Leslie Kain, NAMI HC

Naa Minnoh, Healthy Howard
Maura Rossman, HCHD
Priyana Kumar, ALFA Pharmacy
Fairborz Zarfeshan, ALFA Pharmacy
Matthew Stevens, Healthy Howard
Kaya Swann, HC Dpt. of Citizens Serv.
Elena Acs, Grassroots
Cynthia Schulmeyer, HCPSS

Also present:

Caryssa Thomas, Healthy Howard

1. Introductions & Approval of Minutes from 10/26:
 - Roe called the meeting to order at 10:13 am.
 - Motion to approve minutes:
 - Minutes from 10/26 were approved as written at 10:16 am.
2. Follow-up Action Items:
 - Suicide Prevention Follow-Up:
 - Completed by Mental Health Authority, Police Department and Grassroots.
 - Look at data on completed suicides in a timely manner, 22 suicides in 2014.
 - Focus on Education and prevention.
 - Agencies working on getting data, Alvaro has emailed out request for data.
 - Look to see what we are missing and identified areas that we need to focus on.
 - Roe reported that Alcohol Drug Abuse Advisory Board created a work group to write a letter regarding issues that are causing problems for individuals accessing behavioral health services, in particular low Medicaid reimbursement rates and the COMAR regulation (10.63) that requires certified /licensed agencies to become accredited as well as requires providers who want to accept Medicaid payment to become accredited. Carl Delorenzo, Director of Policy and Program, Howard County Government, is helping to draft the letter.
 - Donna reported that she is requesting the use of unspent money for Suicide Prevention & Education:
 - Funds must be spent by June 2016
 - Hoping to hear notification in December 2015
 - Donna will provide an update at the next Behavioral Health meeting
 - Action Item Updates:
 - Action plan has been revised several times.
 - All group members should have final version with the edits marked in yellow.

- Dr. Rossman-question, who is responsible for ensuring action items are completed?
 - Roe-Lead agencies will be pushing agenda items forward.
 - Tool-Kits:
 - Roe will coordinate a conversation off-line to move progress on tool-kits forward. Leslie volunteered to help.
3. Action Item Updates:
- Goal 7:
 - 7 action items, Joan provided HC DrugFree data for the quarter.
 - Overdose Fatality Review Team had their first meeting.
 - New initiative at the county and state level, HC DrugFree taking lead to organize duties.
 - Plan to track trends in the data and focus on how to prevent opioid overdoses going forward.
 - Data will start being reviewed at next Overdose Fatality Review Team meeting.
 - Goal 6:
 - 4th permanent medication collection box has been purchased, has not been put into community yet.
 - Drug Take Back Day was held on 9/26.
 - Goal 3:
 - Have not received approval for project with hospital to share data with Health Department to link survivors and families to services.
 - Plan to combine data sharing with face to face contact.
 - Plan to work towards “warm hand-offs” with hospital.
 - Goal 2:
 - Overdose Response Program ongoing at Health Department.
 - Next training 12/14 - please call 410-313-6274 to RSVP.
 - Future trainings to be held at different times and locations in hopes of bringing in more participants.
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4. Health Department Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services:
- Beginning in FY17, funding to provide substance use disorder treatment for uninsured clients is being shifted from the Health Department to the Administrative Service Organization (Value Options), which is responsible for administering funding for providers who accept medical assistance. The Health Department will bill Value Options for services to uninsured in the same way they bill for Medicaid clients.
 - More information to follow at later meetings.
5. Announcements & Information Sharing:
- Emerge:
 - Non-profit working with individuals with physical, mental and developmental disabilities.
 - December Workgroup Meeting has been cancelled, next meeting will be held on 1/28, following the full LHIC meeting.
 - Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am.