



**Mental Health Core Service Agency
Advisory Council Minutes
April 24th, 2017**

Members: Jean Marie Kelly, Union Hospital; Cameron England, On Our Own of Cecil County, Inc.(OOO); Tyra Kenly, Department of Juvenile Services (DJS); Kevin Lundin, Meadow Wood Behavioral Health Systems; Fredrick Martin, Perry Point VA; Sean Cannon, Cecil County Public Schools (CCPS)- arrived late

Ex-Officio Members: None in attendance

Core Service Agency (CSA) Staff: Marianne Redding, Julie Wright, Shelly Gullede, Gwen Parrack, and Tahia Glanton

Guests: Dan Coulter, Cecil County Health Department; Emily Marsan, Rockford Center; Michelle DiGiovoni, OOO; Denise Crowl, OOO; Tina Brown, Affiliated Santé Group; Alison Russell, Department of Social Services (DSS); Jerome Garrett, BTST Services; Karen Parker, Cecil County Detention Center (CCDC)

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from March's meeting were reviewed. No changes or additions noted.

Legislative Update- Shelly informed the council that the Keep the Door Open Act and the HOPE (Heroin and Opioid Prevention Effort) Act were both passed. Keep the Door Open Act will increase yearly funding for professionals serving children and adults with behavioral health needs. One of the focuses of the HOPE Act is to establish a behavioral health crisis treatment centers in Maryland by 6/1/18.

Marianne reported-

- The CSA has completed all site visits, but one. All programs are in good standing.
- Marianne is offering Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training for Paraprofessionals and peer advocates on 5/23 and 5/30. Marianne can also hold a training for agencies, specifically for their employees. Please contact Marianne, if interested in MHFA.
- Division of Parole and Probation hosted a Resource Fair on 4/18. They had a fantastic turn out with around 150 in attendance. It was recommended that the CSA coordinate a resource fair with all area providers, in the fall.

- The Detention Center has begun using DataLink and has found it to be helpful.
- Upper Bay Counseling and Support Services, Inc. (UBCSS) has to decrease the FUSIONS Children's Case Management. As BHA procedure, the CSA will be sending out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Adult Targeted Case Management Program.
- CSA and Board of Education had a meeting to discuss present concerns- lack of mental health providers for children in general as well as providers that accept private insurance. They also discussed meeting more frequently, possible during the Multi-D meeting to continue to discuss and brainstorm resolutions.

Shelly reported-

- At the last CSA Advisory Meeting three gaps were chosen, as well as three subcommittees to focus on each gap. A Doodle Poll was sent out and meetings were scheduled for promoting a Program to address youth sadness on 5/1/17, creating doctor assessment and screening tool on 5/17/17, and creating an electronic and paper form resource guide on 5/18/17. Dan stated that the state is ready to reconnect with local coalitions and the hope is that funding will come along with that reconnection.
- Contract renewal letters for all vendors were sent out for FY18.
- Membership- Suanne Blumberg offered to join the board in replacement of Rich Bayer. Julie sent the application to Suanne, via email. The committee is just waiting to receive the completed application back.
- Beginning in August, Shelly will be requesting that each vendor give an update on their program. A vendor schedule will be sent out by the end of June.
- The Annual BHA Conference is on 5/3/17. The last day to register is 4/26/17.
- MHFA instructor training- Two individuals have signed up to become certified instructors.

Roundtable:

Dan distributed the flyer on the National Prescription Drug Take Back Program scheduled for 4/19/17 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. and the locations throughout the county.

Jean Marie reminded everyone of the Union Hospital Health Fair on 4/29/17 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Gwen informed the council that the formal Point In Time (PIT) results will be presented at Wednesday's CC Inter-agency Council on Homelessness General Membership meeting. The meeting is at 1:30 pm in the CCHD auditorium.

Rick informed the council that the VA is planning a Community Health Summit for early September, more information to follow.

Tina Marie reported that Mobile Crisis hired their intern for a full time position, beginning in June. At Mobile Crisis will change their hours to 9 am to 9 pm.

Emily reported the Rockford Center will be smoke free beginning 5/1/17, and smoking programs are being offered to consumers/patients.

Cameron reported-

- OOO has made some structural changes to our program. We have changed our hours of operation to Monday through Friday 9:00-3:00 closed on Saturday and Sundays.
- OOO will continue to offer resources and peer support throughout the day. We provide self-help support groups during certain morning hours and afternoons Monday through Wednesday and afternoon groups only on Thursday and Fridays. The program will be focusing on more outreach in our community, providing peer support off site, this is to include but not limited to hospitals, rehabs, mental health agencies and parole and probation. I personally want to bring more attention to our center and the many services we offer, we have been in existence for 17 years and many still have no idea we are available as a resource for our community.
- OOO took a day trip to Long Wood Gardens on April the 11th taking consumers and staff, along with a few from The Settlement House.
- OOO will be hosting a family fun at Meadow Park May 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 serving hot dogs and chips; we will have face painting, crafts and games for the children as well so bring your kids and join them.
- OOO is excited to host their 17th annual May is Mental Health Awareness Month Conference on Tuesday May 16th. They have received a great response and are at full capacity with 65 participants for this event.

Jerome informed the committee that BTST Services will be opening the doors of its Elkton office within the next few weeks.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26th 2016, at 3:00 pm, in the Cecil County Health Department auditorium.