Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Council
Cecil County Health Advisory Committee
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The Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency (CCCSA) maintains an Advisory Council which meets on a monthly basis. The purpose of the Council is to collaborate with local behavioral health providers and other community stakeholders to develop goals, review progress, identify barriers, and provide input into planning. The Council has taken an active role in implementing the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) in the selection of goals, objectives, and strategies to address Priority #2 in the plan: Behavioral Health.

Goal 1.2: Improve the mental health and well-being of Cecil County residents

Status Update:

The CSA planned a number of events during this period. May was Mental Health Awareness Month and the CSA sponsored a workshop with On Our Own of Cecil County – Wellness and Recovery Center. The topic of the workshop was “Mental Health throughout the Process of Aging”. Additionally, the CSA offered three Mental Health First Aid trainings. There were approximately forty individuals trained during this period. A SafeTALK – Suicide Prevention Training was also offered and thirty individuals were trained. “SafeTALK is a half-day training program that teaches participants to recognize and engage persons who might be having thoughts of suicide and to connect them with community resources trained in suicide intervention”.

Goal 2: Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services in Cecil County

Status Update:

A Resource Network event was held at the Cecil County Health Department. Local providers had the opportunity to gather resources for their consumers and listen to presentations by two providers. Youth Empowerment Source (YES) and Affiliated Santé Group presented their programs.