

Mental Health Advisory Committee

Minutes – April 5, 2018

Members Present	Members Absent	Ex-Officio and Staff Present	Ex-Officio and Staff Absent	Guests
Kevin Bryant	Jeannette Bjorklund	Raymond Crowel		Jessica Kronstadt
Scott Davis		Meredith Peace	Scott Green	Alice Zic
Michelle Grigsby-Hackett		Deborah Phillips		Paula Puglisi
Jennifer Jones				Debra Cady
Daphne Klein				
Kiki Li				
Garrett Mannchen				
Tami Mark				
David Myles				
Celia Serkin				
Karishma Sheth				
Susan Smith				
Amy Sutter				

I. Introductions

II. March minutes reviewed and approved.

- III. Speaker: **Rita Deng, Healthy Montgomery Senior planning specialist** to give an overview of progress made to date on the behavioral health priority area of the CHIP, including validation and update of behavioral health service providers via info Montgomery, the development of a provider asset map in collaboration with data Montgomery, and describe existing community action and impact indicators that measures activities and health outcomes, highlighting county-level mental health data sources that can be used to plan the next cycle of the community health needs assessment.
- Hand-outs included: "Suicide the Ripple Effect" showing on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 3PM Germantown Stadium 14; "Strategic Alignment A Collective Vision for Behavioral Health in Montgomery County, Maryland;" Strategic Alignment power point; letter to the Maryland Insurance Administration.

Discussion

Bridges is working closely with the schools. Students continuing to receive care coordination based on wrap around model plus outreach to transition aged. Individualized to youth.

Dr. Crowel reports looking at drug use – Montgomery County is looking closely at opioids, getting more data to address problem.

Tami Mark asked if the provider locator connected to SAMSHA?

Dr. Crowel reports Montgomery captures this better than SAMSHA. Montgomery has different categories of behavioral health providers, referral system, education, hospitals to use.

Paula Puglisi asked if the presentation collaborates with strategic plan. Yes, it works together. Looking at hospital aligning for a system of community health assessment with hospitals. Communication to public meeting six times out of the year. Also attended community health event. Talk to community stake holders and individuals. Looking at all levels of care coordination. Hunger, mental health and other topics.

IV. Speaker – Strategic Alignment – Raymond Crowel, Psy.D. Chief of Behavioral Health and Crisis Services

Strategic Alignment Booklet handed out.

Mr. Crowel notes BHCS brought together the people involved in the process noted in the book on page 41 and page 45.

Celia – Is there a one page we can use to talk about and promote alignment?

Dr. Crowel – Not yet. The County Council has coping of the book.

Paula – Will there be a meeting to talk about grants?

Dr. Crowel – Hoped to have out grant people. There will be a change in leadership. We will talk directly to them.

Celia – SAMSHA. Put certain areas to align with Behavioral Health.

Dr. Crowel – if we can get half to align.

Paula – Choose a couple of things to focus on, the criminal justice restoration center.

Dr. Crowel – The restoration center stopped to push the mental health court.

Paula – could be part of healthy Montgomery.

Dr. Crowel – Bring group back together focus on next year and where we need to grow.

Kiki notes that we don't have a concrete statement on care coordination. Raymond notes that the alignment process is about care coordination for example addiction integrated treatment to continue into recovery. Bridges is most recent effort (youth 18-22). Police, fire & rescue requires a collaborative dance.

Healthy Montgomery is asking question to drive the process of bringing groups together.

Pathways is being considered by Nexus to work with hospitals.

Dr. Crowel notes the importance of technology. He also recommends the promotion of prevention treatment, a recovering sub group to work in each age group. Jennifer Jones asked what can be done to make things work, so that there is a full picture. Dr. Crowel stated that the blue-ribbon task force last time looked at the full picture in the behavioral health alignment. Paula notes that it will help advocacy. Dr. Crowel stated, don't look at money first, look at what is needed. We need to look at the metrics to determine what we are looking at first. Measurable outcomes will be looked at moving forward. Tami notes working together on a community goal and Dr. Crowel indicates need to work to develop indicators. Celia notes to bring people together use alignment for talking and advocating.

V. Chair Report

- Spring Forum – Diane
Daphne Klein and Denise Camp will present: "From Stigma to Strength"
Forum is Thursday, May 3 at Bohrer Park in the gym; 6:00 p.m.
Resource tables are filled
No May meeting for Spring Forum attendance.
- Meeting with County Executive – Jennifer
FY Budget Review Behavioral Health went up 2.6M, program adjustment 1.5 program growth. 45M with a \$100,000 cut 10% cut in four different providers (Cornerstone Montgomery, Rock Creek, Family Services, and Community Connections), off set in other services areas.
Future Priorities: vacancy in Department (42 vacancy in different areas), Spanish speaking, Management, hiring process is cumbersome. Funding better salaries.
- June Meeting – Speaker will be speaker will be Frankie Berger from Treatment Advocacy Center – speaking Assisted Outpatient Therapy. Dr. Peal, Chief Psychiatrist Behavioral Health and Crisis Services will attend the meeting.
- HHS meeting allows 30 minutes per person. Bring numbers. Dr. Crowel: 1. Restoration Center; 2. Public Safety and Mental Health 4/20; 3. Budget Hearing 4/23.
- Meetings with County Council – Jennifer Jones, Garrett Mannchen, Celia Serkin, Amy Sutter and Kiki Li will be meeting with County Council members of the Health and Human Services Committee to go over MHAC Budget priorities
- Parity Letter – Tami Mark – letter was voted on and motion was made to approve, motion was seconded, and all were in favor

VI. Springfield Hospital Center – Debbie Phillips

Two waiting with date of admission. Daphne Klein from On Our Own visited for peer in-reach. Thank you, Daphne Klein! Segue full. Hospital collaborate with the County and Segue to coordinate discharges.

VII. Announcements

Dr. Crowel announced that there will be trainings on how to administer Narcan. He will email those dates to Diane who will forward them to the Committee

VIII. Adjourned at 9:00pm.