

# Mental Health Advisory Committee

Minutes – July 6, 2017

Members Present	Members Absent	Ex-Officio and Staff Present	Ex-Officio and Staff Absent	Guests
Jeannette Bjorklund	Kevin Bryant	Raymond Crowel	Scott Greene	Alice Zic
Scott Davis	Jennifer Jones	Deborah Phillips	Meredith Peace	Jessica Kronstadt
Tali Elitzur	Jacqueline Zubko-Cunha			Jessica Ballantine
Lawrence Epp				
Michelle Grigsby-Hackett				
Daphne Klein				
Kiki Li				
Garrett Mannchen				
Tami Mark				
David Myles				
Celia Serkin				
Karishma Sheth				
Susan Smith				

Amy Sutter				
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- A. Introductions: New members were introduced
- B. June minutes – approved
- C. Chair Report – Kiki Li who reported that there are three candidates for the open Chief of Public Health. There will be conference call with Dr. Raymond Crowell on the budget at 6:00pm on July 24<sup>th</sup>.
- D. There will be no meeting in August
- E. Unfortunately, we were unable to connect Dr. Kevin Brockington, from London who would have discussed Menstrual Psychosis
- F. BHCS Report – Raymond Crowell - BHCS Update. Dr. Crowell reported that the recommended additions to the BHCS budget were largely approved including funding for a visitation center for domestic violence and custody issues; funding for the mental health court which has exceeded its capacity expectations and needs additional staff resources; STER (“Stop Triage Evaluate and Refer” which connects individuals in the ED to services. There was no state report. Dr. Crowell reported that SUD block grant funding has moved to the FFS system. The mental health block grants are still separate but may eventually also move to the state and the FFS system. SUD providers of residential services seem to be not having trouble getting authorized for services. County is starting a joint suicide and prevention initiative. The County received a SAMHSA grant called Bridges to the Future which will enhance the county’s existing systems of care and expand it to youth age 16 to 21, and eventually age 24.
- G. Springfield hospital update- Debbie Phillips Hospital is starting a clinic program to help patients transition to outpatient therapist appointments while still inpatients. Starting a co-occurring group, recovery model group, and trauma group.
- H. Announcements: Celia Serkin announced that Bridges to the Future has hope openings. It was noted that at the October meeting we will have elections for chair, vice-chair, and for subcommittees. It was announced that a new mental health clinic for veterans and their families was opened in downtown Silver Spring sponsored by a grant from Easter Seals. Susan Smith asked if we could have the director of the Easter Seals program speak at our September meeting. Everyone agreed that was an excellent idea.