

	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Mental Health Advisory Committee</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Minutes – March 1, 2018</p>
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Members Present	Members Absent	Ex-Officio and Staff Present	Ex-Officio and Staff Absent	Guests
Jeannette Bjorklund	Tali Elitzur	Scott Green	Raymond Crowel	Jessica Kronstadt
Kevin Bryant	Jennifer Jones	Meredith Peace		
Scott Davis	David Myles	Deborah Phillips		
Michelle Grigsby-Hackett	Karishma Sheth			
Daphne Klein				
Kiki Li				
Garrett Mannchen				
Tami Mark				
Celia Serkin				
Susan Smith				
Amy Sutter				

- I. Speaker: **Tom Manion, Director of Family Justice Center** - just cancelled. Jeanette Bjorklund, Co-Chair is functioning as Chair for meeting. She tried to get other speakers but was unsuccessful.

II. Introductions

III. February minutes reviewed and approved. Kiki made motion to approve and Amy seconded it. No comments to the minutes.

IV. Chair Report

a. Spring Forum Sub-Committee - Diane reported

- 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 available; let Diane know if anyone is interested
- Collaboration Council, Federation, and On Our Own will have tables
- Scott Green wanted to be sure there would not be a conflict with BH Agency’s Resource Fair
- Annual awards have not been discussed in the Committee yet

b. Future Meetings - Jeannette

- Rita Deng, Healthy Montgomery, will be April speaker.
- Raymond Crowel will present on Strategic Alignment
- Status of meetings with Chuck Short: this meeting will not be scheduled because there will be a meeting with HHS Committee of the County Council. Celia commented that this meeting should take place in April, after budget is released.
- County Executive will have meeting with County Boards and Commissions after budget is released. Committee discussed hearings that will be coming up, after budget is released, so testimony can be strategized.
- MHAC will also discuss budget with Raymond while he is at April meeting. Not sure if conference call with Raymond can happen in late March.

V. Summary of Subcommittee Status

- Access to Care - Parity was discussed and reviewed letters to MD Insurance Administration. Committee should review letters and decide what should be requested from Administration. Health plans have been surveyed and should be examined for non-qualitative

concerns. Results from 2016 have not been released yet. Scott will talk to others and get ideas on who else should be contacted.

- Committee reviewed Statement of purpose and looking at possible recommendations for future priorities.
- Discussed Nexus Montgomery and care coordination. Scott will check with Behavioral Health staff at Nexus for updates.
- Legislative Committee - Letters the Committee developed are attached to minutes. All relevant delegates were cc'd. Diane will send out the additional letter developed by Legislative Committee to entire MHAC. MHAC congratulated the Committee on the letters.
- AOT - Committee discussed getting someone from Treatment and Advocacy Center to present. Jeannette forwarded the Subcommittee standards and policies from other States. Committee will discuss.

VI. BHCS Update – Scott Greene

- Local information – the budget cannot be discussed yet
- State information - at this date, everything is level funded for FY'19.
- Audits are currently happening at local and State levels.
- Short staffed because of budget freeze. All staff are looking at developing plans and contingencies.

VII. Springfield Hospital Update – Debbie Phillips

- Debbie reported that Montgomery County does not have anyone at the detention center waiting to get to SHC for further evaluation.
- Current patients are “stuck” because of system barriers; most need an intense level of supervision, even some 24/7(s) are needed.
- Working with all Counties trying to get patients into somatic clinics as well as psychiatric clinics.
- Trying various options to get medication in timely manner
- Having issues with clients who have “burned bridges” with all providers.
- Would be great if Medicaid paid for Assisted Living level of care because somatic care is needed as well as psychiatric care. This is a higher level of care than “intensive”.
- RICA beds may have the capacity to increase.

VIII. Announcements

- Celia talked about the “Bridges to the Future” program being initiated with the Collaboration Council. A SAMSA grant to work with disconnected youth. Handouts were distributed. Focus/discussion groups to hear from youth and parents/caregivers will be occurring later this month and participants are being recruited.

VIV. Adjourned to Subcommittee meetings at 8:15. The subcommittee meetings will adjourn at 9:00 p.m.