



Behavioral Health Advisory Council
MINUTES

August 11, 2017
Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Cheyenne, WY

Chair

Rob Johnston: rjohnston@pmowyo.org

Members Present:

Tammy Cooley, Karl Kline, Sherry Mercer, Scott Erickson, Laura Griffith, Carol Day, Aurie Garcia, Rob Johnston, Kim Hair, Martin Kury, Dona Sedey, Carolyn Yeaman, Sam Borbely, Lori Burns, Jo Ann Numoto, Jessi Westling, Karen Aurand, Kyle Gamroth,

Introductions:

Rob opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read.

Division Updates

Aurie provided an update on the block grant application and reviewed the previous block grant webinar input. The grant has been posted for public comment until August 24th, 2017. Send all comments to Aurie Garcia.

Aurie provided an update on First Episode Psychosis (FEP) programs at Yellowstone Behavioral Health Center and Southwest Counseling Services. Rob would like a representative from one center to attend the next meeting to present on the program.

Carol Day-

Peak Wellness center is doing FEP with state general funds.

The Division is Conducting site visits-assessments of programs and assist agencies with TA and training with other resources.

This year we are focusing site visit reviews on legislative focus topics, Title 25 and data. Taking a look at last year's data and assessing what areas of challenge that agencies may have based on data. Having a discussion about what's going on how we can help improve, Data validation and comparing with local level records to ensure accurate data. There is a continuing argument that the data we have may not be accurate. We believe it is accurate and we want to demonstrate it is. On site visits we are also looking at Medication Assisted Treatment Grant within the treatment contract.

In FY 18, we will narrow the focus on adults with SMI/ opioid, meth users. Focus on high need populations. We have seen huge increases percentages in individuals coming for treatment.



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We did receive the opioid grant, BHD attended a conference in Baltimore. The STR grant will fund 5 areas of the state. BHD is working with prevention on the STR grant initiatives.

The Division has hired Heidi Hoffman as new Quality Manager.

We have 9 staff in MHSA and site visits will involve all of us. Multiple teams will be out in the state at the same time. Goal is to finish as quickly as possible by next spring.

Scott Erickson- asked what assistance or support does Carol need from the council. Carol stated if the council disagrees with the direction she needs to know.

Title 25- WDH hired Rian Weiser in Directors office and is tasked with coordination of all of the departments T25 activities. She keeps an eye on the data and initiatives. Activities include AOT grant-contracts with 6 CMHC's (Southwest, Fremont, Yellowstone, Cloud Peak, Northern, Peak, Central) to promote AOT concept and establish infrastructure to enable processes to work. We are engaged in a gatekeeping project. We have contracted with 13 gatekeepers.

Paul commented on some the activities at Northern associated with T25.

Scott Erickson- Are there 13 contracts for Gatekeeping? Carol –Yes,

Scott- Are there 13 counties designated for Gatekeeping? Carol- Yes

Are the outpatient clients who have had a T-25 or is this prevention? Carol- This grant is to divert clients out of the system and mandate them to outpatient in lieu of hospitalization.

Carol-Gatekeeping should hugely impact data on those going to jail as opposed to treatment

Erica- Prevention Unit- Rob invited me to talk about the 20% of the block grant we receive each year. With the 20% of the block grant we receive we combine that funding with 4 other funding streams to do a prevention program in every county for alcohol, tobacco, and opioids. The majority of the block grant funding is the adult binge drinking funding which works to reduce consequences.

Martin- Can you go into detail about the advertising you are doing ?

Erica- environmental strategies based upon community, capacity and needs. Location to which alcohol is consumed or obtained. We do community event work. This includes partnering with liquor division to supply ID scanners and tracking the number of alcoholic drinks purchased and training vendors to reduce or refuse services.

Kim-Is there a push to reduce hours on liquor stores? Erica- Several liquor statutes were changed. There is no longer a state statute for hours of operation. Every community in state of WY has to look at their



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hours of operations. The prevention program worked with local policy makers to advise it does not become less than, majority of liquor stores are keeping the same hours. Rob- Casper has expanded hours for Eclipse activities.

Erica- Currently Prevention has SPFF grant, general education, partnerships with law enforcement, and prescriber education, Prescription Drug Opioid Overdose Grant, Anyone in Wyoming can have access to Naloxone. PHD creating distribution plan to cover Naloxone costs. PHD ensuring training about overdoses and Naloxone administration.

Erica Suicide Prevention-Over the last two years we began moving suicide prevention into more targeted functions. One of those is the zero suicide effort, Ultimate goal is zero suicide when someone is entered into treatment. In the last session we had a budget shortfall, therefore the legislature did the best they could to ensure funding when to areas needed. One area cut was 2.6 million per year under the Tobacco substance abuse and suicide prevention. This eliminated the state general funds for suicide prevention. We had an injury prevention program and the decision was to increase capacity to three people to focus efforts on unintentional and intentional prevention. At this point we are not able to put funding into communities for mass trainings. We have applied for two federal grants towards training and continuation of zero suicide. WDH looking at other funding sources and capacity.

Joann- There is a list available of 15-22 organizations that school districts can contact for suicide training. Joann will forward the list.

Rob presented brochures on the council and the process for applying to become a member and asked Council members for suggestions on how to update the brochures.

Two issues have been presented with applications. Governor's office has taken longer to approve applications and some applications are not being sent to Aurie or Rob. Aurie and Rob will work to clean up the process. Rob needs volunteers to comment on the brochure. He will send it out to everyone. Rob would like to have a revised brochure by the November meeting. Now we have the following vacancies Family member adult, Consumer, veterans advocate. Rob will send out the vacancies next week. Aurie and Rob will touch base to discuss the interest of council members who have not been in attendance.

We applied to two groups for council activity. One is an advocacy group and the other group was a management group.

Rob- Bylaws – Rob has not heard back from Attorney General's office on changing language. Rob will follow up.



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Rob will send the strategic plan that was updated at the last meeting. Rob reviewed the plan with the council.

What's going in in community? Each member reviewed the MHSA activities in their community.

WAMHSAC-Erin Johnson, provided an overview of WAMHSAC

Kyle and Krystal- Managers of Crisis Stabilization at Central. Presented vision and goal on the program.

Jessi Westling- Ombudsman program is run on funds from WDH. The contract with WDH requires Ombudsman to review Chris S settlement with a group. Jessi reviewed the Chris S. Survey results.

Public Comment- Although NAMI actively applied for grants. We are regretfully in process of closing doors Sept. 21st after 31 years of providing valuable services to people in Wyoming. We find we can no longer maintain our office. Our target date for closure is 9/30. Programs and resources that NAMI has offered will no longer be available.

Much appreciations to NAMI for all of the work they have done!

Next meeting in Cheyenne Nov 17 at Century Link in Cheyenne, WY.