



West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council (WBHPC)
January 28, 2016
Braxton County DHHR • Sutton, WV
Meeting Notes

WBHPC Vision: *The West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council is a unified voice that promotes wellness, recovery, and resiliency for all West Virginians. (2012)*

WBHPC Mission: *to improve the mental health system and function as a catalyst of change in that system. (2008)*

Participants

Linda Pauley, Chair
Vanessa VanGilder
Ardella Cottrill
Patrick Tenney
Joe Cunningham
Katie Heller
Cathy Reed
Phil Reed
Marian Steele

Donna Moss
Pete Minter
Richard Ward
Dave Sanders
Thomas Kimm
Todd Lacksonen

Martha Minter, Staff
Jenny Lancaster, Staff

Welcome, Introductions and Review of Agenda

- Linda Pauley opened the meeting and welcomed participants
- Participants introduced themselves
- Linda reviewed the agenda

Review of Notes from October 2015 meeting, discussion, and vote on approval

- Participants reviewed the October 2015 meeting notes
- Motion to accept meeting minutes – Cathy Reed; second – Phil Reed; all approved
- Correction: Add Bob McConnell as PAIMI member

Reports from Committees and Agencies

- Aaron – attended Kids & Families Day at the Capitol; follows Legislative updates and reports to WBHPC Chair

Executive Committee

- Applied for continued technical support for Orientation Manual
- Ted Johnson is consultant
- 8 month Advocacy training on how to market the planning council

Membership Committee

- Ardella reviewed 4 membership applications received:

- Ginger Carr – recommended by Ardella for Children and Families; Motion to accept membership recommendation – Cathy Reed; second – Marian Steele; all approved
- Frank Armstead – recommended by Dave Sanders; Motion to accept membership recommendation – Joe Cunningham; second – Cathy Reed; all approved
- J.K. McAtee – Motion to accept membership recommendation – Cathy Reed; second – Phil Reed; all approved
- Donna Moss – Motion to accept membership recommendation – Marian Steele; second – Cathy Reed; all approved
- Need 1 parent of children; Need 4 providers of SA; Need 2 youth age 18-25

2015 Year End Activity Report

- Linda reviewed her draft of the 2015 Year End Activity Report
- Jenny will circulate draft to WVBHPC membership for review
- Leadership Academy – 20th Year Anniversary – 46 participants graduated; 8 people went through Train the Trainer

Current Issues

- Joe Cunningham reported that some hospitals do not pay all four options of Medicaid (Health Management Organizations offer all options at all hospitals)
- Linda – appointed Joe to do further research on the issue
- Tom recommended inviting someone from Medicaid Services (Cynthia Parson) to present to the Council
- Concern/conversation around the dismantling of “tent city” in Charleston; issues were raised concerning loss of birth certificates/social security cards; clothing, tents, etc.;
- Barriers of living in shelters; dislocation of population
- Some folks don’t want to follow the rules of living in a shelter or refrain from certain activities
- Example of veteran who has a housing choice voucher who refuses to be homed
- Last snow storm could have been disastrous to those individuals in tent city
- Agencies are funded to give them blankets, coats, hats, etc.

Housing

- Available to the council is 2015 funding information
- \$621 million total HUD 2015 Funding in state of West Virginia
- FY 16 funding – Congress restored the funding for the HOME Program (Leave intact National Housing Trust Fund)
- WV Housing Trust Fund will be the recipient of the National Housing Trust Fund funds
- No new Section 8 funding for FY 16; \$150 million appropriated for continuation
- Press release re: Point in Time Count will be distributed; WV PIT Count showed improvements
- WV PIT Count Dropped 18.9% since 2010
- PIT Count is difficult to conduct in West Virginia
- WV did not received funding for National Disaster Resilience Competition (was a semifinalist)
- Encourage Kelly Workman from Development Office to ask for a de-briefing
- Additional funding has been made available
- If the council is interested – reach out to Erica Boggess to see if you want another housing person to sit on the council (perhaps Kathy Colby)

WV Advocates

- Voting presentation – would like to schedule this for the next WVBHPC meeting
- Need to let individuals with mental health diagnoses know they need to get out there and vote
- If you are working with homeless - care kit with hair brush, toothbrush, other items can be ordered

- Hiring new executive director – Susan Givens for WV Advocates (70+ resumes received); effective January 8, 2016.

Murphy Bill

- Still under debate – www.ndrn.rog – they have a link to “protect PAIMI”; there’s a FB page called “Stop the Murphy Bill”
- Need to educate others on the dangers of the Murphy Bill – will set us back
- Would reduce advocates to just abuse and neglect in the nursing homes

Reports on Introduction of Bills at the Legislature that are of Interest to Council

- SB 6 requiring drug screening and testing of applicants for TANF program for whom there is a reasonable suspicion of substance abuse; concern about not receiving benefits while waiting for services/treatment
- SB 42 Permitting school nurses to possess and administer opioid antagonists on or near school premises
- SB 48 Establishing mental health, veterans, and service members court
- SB 74 SA screening policies in mining operations – provide for certification suspension, SA screening policies
- SB 87 requiring DDHR review rates paid to health care providers
- SB 89 Providing maximum ratio of 1500 pupils to one licensed school psychologist
- SB 110 Disqualifying CDL for conviction of DUI
- SB 119 Relating generally to criminal conviction expungements
- SB 125 Increasing cigarette tax to fund substance abuse and workforce development initiatives
- SB 253 Exempting drug treatment and drug recovery facilities from county and municipal ordinances (zoning)
- SB 286 Creating Commission to Accelerate Statewide Coordination of Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents
- SB 287 Creating West Virginia Safer Workplaces Act – permits employers to test employees and prospective employees for drugs and alcohol
- SB 304 Providing insurance coverage for abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drugs
- SB 320 Permitting practice of telemedicine
- SB 328 Creating West Virginia Veterans Program Fund
- SB 329 Eliminating sunset provision for commission to study residential placement of children
- SB 338 Compiling and maintaining Central State Mental Health Registry
- SB 350 Exempting community-based behavioral health facilities, programs or services from certificate of need
- HB 2373 prohibit the establishment of new methadone treatment programs and clinics; providing exceptions
- HB 2397 Prohibiting the establishment of methadone treatment programs and clinics in this state; providing exceptions
- HB 2410 Improving state emergency preparedness
- House has established a subcommittee to vet all drug/alcohol bills before they are submitted
- HB 2419 to add fifty new positions to the staff at the William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital
- HB 2455 Requiring health care providers to release un-emancipated minor's medical records for drug testing to a parent or legal guardian without written consent from minor
- HB 2482 Authorizing immediate discharge and transportation to a regional jail for aggressive and violent behavior of persons committed to state hospitals
- HB 2487 require a person restraining a mentally ill or mentally challenged person in a "four point restraint" to administer sedation by injection at the time the patient is secured
- HB 2604 create the Second Chance for Employment Act; provides a procedure for the expungement of certain felony convictions

- HB 2611 Relating to controlling methamphetamine
- HB 2633 Provide funding for substance abuse services through increased taxes on beer, wine and liquor
- HB 2634 raising the tax on tobacco and tobacco related products
- HB 2665 Relating to participation in Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program
- HB 2711 provide for a scratch-off game to fund a drug treatment facility in Mingo and Logan Counties
- HB 2724 Requiring benefit access devices to benefits provided by the Department of Human Services, to have a photograph of the person to whom a device was issued
- HB 2925 Relating to drug testing of legislators
- HB 4010 bill require drug screening and testing of applicants for the TANF program for whom there is a reasonable suspicion of substance abuse.
- HB 4017 Budget Bill, making appropriations of public money out of the treasury in accordance with section fifty-one, article six of the Constitution
- HB 4021 Limiting able-bodied adults without dependents receipt of SNAP benefits
- HB 4023 Increasing the excise tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products
- HB 4041 Limiting able-bodied adults without dependents receipt of SNAP benefits to three months in a thirty-six month period
- HB 4044 To create “The Ryan Brown Addiction Prevention and Recovery Fund Act” to provide funding for drug addiction prevention and treatment not otherwise covered by legislative appropriations, Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance
- HB 4068 Office of Miners’ Health, Safety and Training, rule relating to substance abuse screening standards and procedures
- HB 4111 DHHR, rule relating to the certificate of opioid overdose prevention and treatment training programs
- HB 4116 DHHR, rule relating to neonatal abstinence centers
- HB 4177 Exempting drug rehabilitation facilities from certificate of need requirements
- HB 4180 Authorizing a family court judge to order substance abuse counseling of a child in emergency situations
- HB 4181 Increasing the excise tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products
- HB 4183 Require emergency medical service agencies/providers to report nonlethal opioid overdoses to the Board of Pharmacy
- HB 2925 Relating to drug testing of legislators
- HB 2961 Relating to abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drugs

APS Technical Assistance

- Linda Pauley reviewed the SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services TA for State Planning Councils: Self-Assessing Your Behavioral Health IQ.

Development of Committees to Handle Developing Drafts for the Different Evaluations Set for the Council by the Directors of SA/MH at Last Meeting

- Linda will put together a form and send out to council members

Comprehensives

1. Live person answer?
2. How long to get an appointment?
3. Medicated Assisted SA Treatment?
4. Types of Insurance? Sliding scale for self-pay? What if no money? Option for un-compensated care?

Call Line Center

1. Live person answer?
2. Can talk to someone who has “been there”?
3. What can I do now if not ready for SA treatment?
4. How long until I can get assessment?

Recovery Residences

1. Live person answer?
2. Open beds?
3. How many days need to be sober? (SA)
4. Take if I use Suboxone or other meds?
5. Accepted if taking Xanax for MH?
6. Require drug testing for staying in program?
National Association of Recovery Residences document?

Development Committees Meet and Prepare Outlines for Evaluation Processes and Development of Needed Documents *(must be written and given to Council Chair)*

- Linda will send out conference call information to members to update finalize
- Linda has been in discussions w/ Kathy Paxton, Kim Walsh, and Peg Moss about using the Consumer Satisfaction Survey – MHSIP

TIMELINE

- Next week Linda will send out conference call line info and
- 2nd week – put together questionnaire
- 3rd week – finalize forms

Next meeting – Thursday, April 21st in Charleston.

Announcements of Events Around the State

- February 10-11 - Assist Training at Mount West Community College in Huntington (free)
- Feb 10 – Disabilities Day at the Legislature
- Garrett Lee Smith memorial Act funds are up for re-auth this year – funds ASPEN, National Suicide Prevention
- Adult Mental Health First Aid Training

Check-out and Evaluations

Adjourn

