

**West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council**  
**January 16, 2020**  
**Flatwoods, WV**

**Mission Statement:**

- To Improve the Behavioral Health System and Advocate for Positive Change (April 2017)

**Vision Statement:**

- The West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council is a unified voice that promotes wellness, recovery, and resiliency for all West Virginians (April 2017)

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Cathy Reed, Chair, called the meeting to order and introductions around the room were made.

**Attendance:**

Aaron Morris, Linda Pauley, Cathy Reed, Deanna Thomas, Vanessa VanGilder, J.K. McAtee, Tammy Ketchum, Ryan Jeffrey, Ardella Cottrill, Holly Crookshanks, Joyce Floyd, Patrick Tenney, Phil Reed, Tess Myers, Nancy Deming, Heather Hoelscher (phone), David Sanders, Rich Ward, Heather Cummings (Phone), Martha Minter

**Guests:** Joe Deegan, Jennifer Eva, Katie Moss, Brian Aluise (Senator Manchin's office)

**Excused:** Bob Musick, Jason Melegari, Brenda Lampkin, Donna Moss

**Unexcused:** James Ruckle, Lenny Reese

**Minutes:**

- Minutes from the October 2019 meeting were presented; Joyce Floyd makes a motion to accept and Phil Reed seconds it. All in favor

**Membership Updates:**

- Membership Committee is recommending Ryan Jeffrey; Deanna Thomas makes a motion, Tess Myers seconds it, all in favor

**State Updates:**

Division of Rehabilitation Services – Rich Ward

- Pre-Employment release annual report 27% rehabilitated with behavioral health impairments.
- Ability Works Awards Ceremony was held on October 23, 2019, in Charleston, WV. Lezlie Henderson (State Winner), Cheryl Holstein, Reuben Kerns, Josh Kittle, Lee Pittsenberger, & Cynthia Jamison
- Boston University- 15 Models in Psychiatric
- IPS- Individual Placement Support

BHHF- David Sanders

- The legislature is in full swing a lot of bills about revising chapter 27
- Upcoming Training- Hope and Help Website WV - Peer Supervision (Feb 4, 2020)
  - William Stauffer and Greg Perry were presenting.
- BRSS TACS - Technical Assistance Initiative
- Award to come out-Recovery groups to come together, and there will be a coordinated effort

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- CCAR training- we are spending a lot of money on books. Our goal is to try to have it done by June 2020

Valley Health Care - Nancy Deming

- We are now operating - Home

Legal Aid - Tammy Ketchum

- William Sharpe got certification back, applied to add another advocate there for another wing

Other Agencies - Joyce Floyd

- West Virginia Statewide Independent Living is accepting applications for membership, sends out a legislative update and is planning a Youth Leadership Forum (Applications are being accepted also). [www.wvsilc.org](http://www.wvsilc.org) for more info
- Olmstead is also looking for people to serve. For more information, contact Carissa Davis <https://www.wvdhhr.org/oig/olmstead.html>

TBI - Vanessa VanGilder

- All disabilities conference (Canaan Valley) Registration is now open April 14-15, 2020
- TBI Program- in the next couple of weeks will be sending a survey, online and paper format. The info collected will have open meetings in the federal districts (march)

Friendship Room (Marion County) - Cathy Reed

- Cathy Reed and Phil Reed very active with Friendship Marion in Fairmont, WV. It is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Rochelle Satterfield oversees it.

Peer Recovery Network - Linda Pauley

- Funded to do Wellspring Project- to speak to people resources from out of Jail to treatment- WV Community Supports toll-free # also Will do collect calls from jail,

Generations Saved™ Changing Things Across The Board - Tess Myers

- Our mission is to break epidemic cycles through empowering others and offering holistic healing and recovery. Our purpose is to slow down the National Epidemic targeting multiple sectors while rebuilding our communities. Our vision is to rebuild our communities through education and opportunity

Mental Health Matters Planning Meeting

- We would like to welcome you to the 1st ever Mental Health Matters Planning Meeting on February 3rd, 2020. Mental Health is very important to us all, for our mental health, builds our overall health. At this meeting, we will be discussing, ways your organization can partner with the Generations Saved™ Mental Health Matters Event set for May 2020.
- Mental Health Matters Mission is to offer healing opportunities and education to achieve better Mental Health within ourselves and communities.
- Purpose of Mental Health Matters Event
  - This Community Outreach event is to raise awareness of positive succeeding treatments available for Mental Health and Recovery in West Virginia.

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- To share recovery stories to inspire and give hope to others.
  - To offer healing to the community through music and the Arts.
  - To have the Reflections Gallery and others to display the people's stories.
  - To educate the people about Alternative Treatments available offering workshops
- Purpose
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Advocacy Issues Related to Substance Use Disorder - Joe Deegan

- He was representing WVADAC, gave us handouts, and spoke to us about the following:
- Roundtable discussion on Substance Use Disorders was held on 1/9/2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- (See Handout). He spoke to us about Hallie Mason, (Lobbyist) WV Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors Inc and Matt Boggs (Vivitrol) on- governor's council and represents Peers. Advocacy Day at the Legislature- January 30, 2020 (see handout)

Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) Waiver - Jennifer Eva

- Children with Serious Emotional Disorder Waiver presentation (see handout)

**Committee Updates**

Adult Services - Heather Hoelscher

- Gave us a copy of the First Responders guide to the Mental Hygiene Process (draft copy) for our feedback.
- Created a Gmail for concerns about the MHProcess@gmail.com
- Holly reached out to Lee Brown for an update at WVU for the final word
- Hope and Healing (WVU)
- Cynthia Bean-medication-may want to talk to the Budget and Policy Center
- Satisfaction Survey- Got Feedback- (Survey Monkey)
- Community Behavioral health centers have traditionally been safety nets and there are hearing to refuse services, and they are working on
- CES- It is helpful that Valley Health care is doing stakeholder meetings-
- Jason Cook- is the new director for mental health-
- Community Access would like more info on Satisfaction Survey and how it can be done due to HIPAA Compliance

Systems Monitoring - Ardella Cottrill

- Continued to gather info, desktop reviews, etc.

Housing - Phil Reed

- Holiday had temp recess - Ryan
- The point in time count will be happening next week-
- 4 continuum of care-says this what we are seeing on the ground-

Children's Services - Donna Moss-

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- No report from Donna as of 1/16/2020

WV Leadership Academy - Ardella Cottrill

- Updating Facilitator guide
- Training will be held in Huntington, Williamson, Romney, and Train the Trainer.

Fair Shake Network

- Yes join as an affiliate

Other

- Bryan Aluise with Senator Manchin's office is ready to help bring projects to the commission, always ready to do letters of support.
- Joyce Floyd made a motion to adjourn