

**West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council**  
**16 April 2020**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Attendance:**

Brenda Lamkin, Patrick Tenney, Linda Pauley, Cathy Reed, Phil Reed, Ardella Cottrill  
Jenny Lancaster, Martha Minter, Rich Ward, Joyce Floyd, Heather Cummings, Aaron Morris,  
David Sanders, Tammy Ketchem, Vanessa VanGilder, Nate Siggers, James Ruckle, Heather  
Hoelscher, Donna Moss, Ann McDaniel

The Chair, Cathy Reed welcomed us to the first ever WVBHPC Zoom meeting.

**Minutes:**

January 2020 minutes were sent out previously

Correction to minutes: Donna Moss is excused from January 2020 minutes.

Joyce Floyd made a motion to accept them with corrections; Aaron Morris seconded it. All in favor.

**State Updates:**

**Division of Rehab- Rich Ward**

DRS working remotely from home  
Taking phone applications  
Working on Summer Pre ETS  
Working on Virtual Skills  
In Person Services are limited

**Bureau For Children & Families-Adult Services- Heather Cummings**

Using more Virtual  
PPE gear for Staff  
Using Skype, Zoom, FaceTime  
Still Investigating Neglect & Abuse

**WVPTI- Brenda Lamkin**

Business as usual  
Working remotely  
Virtual Meetings with Families

**TBI-Vanessa VanGilder**

WVU CED challenge to provide services a different way  
Working remotely  
Applications by phone  
Social Workers doing stuff by phone instead of face to face  
Funds for you programs has challenge for estimates

Team Meetings and CED Trainings via zoom

**Guest Speaker- Ann McDaniel**  
**West Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council**

Ann McDaniel gave us an overview of the West Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) and talked about us reviewing the 3 year statewide plan (SPIL). SILC is taking public comments on the plan until May 6, 2020 and there will be 3 public comment forums on April 20, April 22, April 23, at Noon each day via Zoom. Information was sent out to planning council members so they could attend those forums. The SPIL can be found online at [www.wvsilc.org](http://www.wvsilc.org) and comments can be made online or by calling SILC at 1-855-855-9743. WVSILC will view the final SPIL at their June meeting to be voted up on their council, signed by all and turned in by June 30, 2020

**Legislative Overview - Vanessa VanGilder**

There was 2389 bills in total: 1533 were House bills, 856 were Senate Bills  
356 completed Legislation, 351 were signed by Governor 6 were vetoed  
Governor & Legislation websites were different on the totals (not sure where the difference was)

Vanessa gave us an overview on the following bills:

- SB 150- Budget Bill-ID Waiver waiting list was cleared
- SB648- Providing dental coverage for adult Medicaid recipients
- HB4543- Relating to insurance coverage for diabetics
- SB 689- Enacting Requiring Accountable Pharmaceutical Transparency, Oversight, and Reporting Act
- HB4434- West Virginia health care workforce sustainability study
- SB562- Expunging certain criminal convictions
- SB838- Directing state police establish referral program for substance abuse treatment
- HB4009- Relating to the process for involuntary hospitalization  
There are concerns about this in regards to due process
- HB4773- Creating a workgroup to investigate and recommend screening protocols for adverse childhood trauma in this state
- HB4092- Relating to foster care
- HB4557-Relating to centers and institutions that provide the care and treatment of mentally ill or intellectually disabled individuals
- SB94- Providing persons with physical disabilities ability to vote by electronic absentee ballot
- House Resolution #132  
Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance to conduct a study to consider the Icelandic Model for substance use prevention

- House Resolution #133  
Requesting a study of involuntary commitment practices for persons suffering from severe psychiatric illnesses

More information can be found on the WV Legislature website [www.wvlegislature.gov](http://www.wvlegislature.gov)  
We can also set up to follow bills when in session as well as listen in on some sessions.

### **Bureau- David Sanders**

Applied for a 2 million COVID-19 grant, Money is flexible  
Peer Centers are holding digital meetings- (Info emailed out to council)  
Some restrictions to treatment centers unless court order (This came from Medicaid)  
Recovery Residents may be quarantined for up to 2 weeks upon entrance

### **Committee Updates:**

#### **Systems & Monitoring- Ardella Cottrill**

Trying to get info from Kepro and Aetna  
Looking at collaboration with other groups to look at their surveys  
Need to come up with a standard request form

#### **Housing-Cathy Reed**

Housing has not meet

#### **Children's- Donna Moss**

MSPCAN is working with families using Zoom and Emails  
Helping families with info on food pantries, school meals etc.  
Talking calls  
Helping families when children are having meltdowns, having hard time with children's crisis  
kids are using weighted vests,  
Donna has asked for someone else to take over the children's committee but would like to stay a member of it.

#### **Adult Service- Heather Hoelscher**

First Responders guide is still being worked on to identify single #'s  
Will share link for reports to bureau from auditor's office  
Wants to see reports-plans of operations-ways centers are reporting  
Lost hospitals in Fairmont & Wheeling  
There are up to 24 beds @Sharpe Hospital for civil commitments  
Waiting to hear back from Hope & Healing  
Currently looking at Federal Research in regards to Medicaid Co Pays for psychiatric medications  
Wait times during COVID-19 has been about 2 months for new clients

#### **WV Leadership Academy- Ardella Cottrill**

Held an Academy in Huntington March 5-6, 2020 had 20 graduates

Looking at doing leadership academy online

Prior to COVID-19- was asked by person in Indiana about holding an academy and train the trainer there-

### **Elections for WVBHPC**

Nominating Committee needs put together to select a slate of officers for the WVBHPC  
Ardella Cottrill, Linda Pauley, David Sanders have all agreed to serve on committee

### **Virtual Community Meetings: Jenny Lancaster**

WVDHHR & WVU Dept of Health Affairs are having some virtual community meetings for people and families affected by substance abuse disorder. Cathy Reed has served on the committee planning this as representative of WVBHPC. We went over the survey questions that will be presented during each of these forums and WVBHPC will have a chance to look at the findings.

They will discuss any problems, issues, or gaps you or your loved ones have experienced with receiving mental health or substance abuse disorder care in WV. The purpose is to learn what is working and what is not working WV Behavioral Health Care System. The information you provide will help improve services that are offered. For more info

[www.helpandhopewv.org/communitymeetings/](http://www.helpandhopewv.org/communitymeetings/)