

**West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council  
18 April 2019  
Charleston, WV**

**Vision Statement**

**The West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council is a unified voice that promotes wellness, recovery, and resiliency for all West Virginians.**

**Mission Statement**

**To improve the behavioral health system and advocate for positive change**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Ardella Cottrill, Holly Crookshanks, Ted Johnson, Donna Moss, James Ruckle, Deanna Thomas  
Vanessa Vangilder, Linda Pauley, Louann Petts, Cathy Reed, Phil Reed Sr, David Sanders,  
Nathaniel Siggers, Patrick Tenney, Nancy Deming, J.K. McAtee, Aaron Morris, Joyce Floyd  
Martha Minter-Community Access

**State:**

Tahnee Bryant- BBHFF  
Allegra Kazemzadeh- Dept of Education  
Richard Ward- Dept of Voc Rehab  
Debi McCoy- BHHF  
Elliott Birkhead-Deputy Commissioner, Programs and Policies at WV DHHR - BBHFF

**Guests-**

Jason Melegari  
Brenda Lamkin  
Jalen Floyd

Excused: Heather Hoelscher, Bob Musick

**Welcome, Introductions, Review of Agenda**

Cathy Reed (Chair) opened the meeting and introductions was made

**Review January 2019 Minutes**

Aaron makes motion to approve the 17 January 2019 , Phil Reed seconds the motion. All in Favor.

## **Legislative Update-**

Elliott Birckhead gave us an overview of legislation that was presented in the WV Legislature this past session. Handout was given (See Legislative attachment)

## **State Overview-**

### **Elliott Birckhead**

- Update to Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
- Funding Available to collaborate Treatment & Recovery
- \$15 million SOR Supplement Grant will be coming available
- Supplement pushing out almost \$28 Million. Limitations all roads lead to MAT Treatment
- Office of Drug Control Policy-Bob Hansen
- Help4WV as of 2 Feb 2019 has received 31,207 calls
  - 10,619 calls were access/Navigation intakes
    - 9,815: Self
    - 488: Family
    - 315: Third-Party
  - 20,588: General Information

### **Debi McCoy**

- Peer Recovery Conference April 16-17,2019 Flatwoods, WV
  - Over 280 Registered
  - Great Networking Opportunity
  - Conference Presentations available at [https://helpandhopewv.org/peer\\_recovery/index.html](https://helpandhopewv.org/peer_recovery/index.html)

### **Allegra Kazemzadeh- Dept of Education- Special Education**

- Dept of Education is working on Opioid Response Plan

### **Rich Ward- Division of Voc Rehabilitation**

- 2019 WVDRS Pre-Employment Transition Services for Students with Disabilities
- Youth Training Conference- Appalachian Center for Independent Living (2) 4 day sessions: Instruction in Self Advocacy
  - June 24-27, 2019
  - July 29-August 1, 2019

### **Nancy Deming- Valley Health Care**

- Adjusting to all the Substance Abuse funding- Ryan Brown Funding etc.

### **Vanessa Vangilder- Traumatic Brain Injury Patient Navigator**

- TBI Conference March 6-8, 2019 Glade Springs Resort
  - About 140 attended
  - Started planning for next year's conference

### **Louann Petts-Atena**

- Trying to stay update on SUD Waiver etc
- Becoming a trauma informed organization
- School Mental health trainings, WV Aces Coalition, Community Connections etc
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### **Tahnee Bryant- BHHF**

- Children's Wrap around, School, Home, Community
  - Family & Youth Guide that plan, therapeutic services etc
  - Facilitator goes to home 1x per week, links them to services etc
  - Main goal- Keep child in home
- AFA's coming out soon
  - Wraparound-Marion, Kanawha, Cabell, Berkeley, Raleigh
  - Mobile Crisis & Wraparound will work together

### **Joyce Floyd- Olmstead information**

- Olmstead has a work committee working on Olmstead's state plan,
- State is in the process of interviewing & hiring the Olmstead Coordinator

### **Rich Ward- WVABLE Update**

- WVABLE is still trying to get people
- Currently 147 able accounts in WV where as Ohio has 5904 accounts
- For more info: <https://wvable.com/>

### **Committee Updates:**

#### **Adult Services- Vanessa Vangilder**

- Has a teleconference with Elliot Birckhead about concerns with Logistic care and Medical Services fund
- State Supreme Court- Mental Hygiene Commissioners are going to have 3 day training
- Unmet Need- Residential Treatment for those in WV on Dialysis, hoping to meet with Dr Berry about this, Georgia has it.
- ACIL started concentrating on patients with dialysis, transportation is barrier, medical necessity.
- Still working on First Responder's guide for the mental hygiene process

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

- Reorganizing will have their first conference call May 6th

### **Housing committee- Phil Reed**

- They continue to meet by conference call, James Ruckle has stepped down as chair, and Phil Reed will serve as chair

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

- Mental Health Awareness May 11, 2019 Fairmont, WV
- Autism Training Center-
- Foster Care Awareness- May 4, 2019 Meadowbrook Mall, Clarksburg, WV
- FMRS- May 4th Beckley this year's Theme is Suicide Prevention
- MSPCAN has support group in Wood County and Kanawha County.
- MSPCAN Conference is June 14-16, 2019 Cedar Lakes, WV

### **WV Recovers- David Sanders**

- Bridgevalley Community Technical College Recovery Walk will be held on May 4, 2019 at 10:00 am.
- WRAP- (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) Train the Trainers- Danielle Miller, David Sanders, JK McAtee went to Pennsylvania for training
  - Evidence based program, strength based for peers
  - Want to make WRAP more prominent in West Virginia
  - Pilot WRAP in Prisons and Jails
  - Need more recovery coaches that has justice involvement
- Ethics Trainings

### **West Virginia Leadership Academy- David Sanders**

- Leadership academy was held in Boone County
- Planning the next Leadership Academy attentive: May 22-24, 2019 Romney, WV
- Linda Pauley spoke with Exponent Telegraph about WV Leadership Academy

### **WVBHPC Membership Update- Ardella Cottrill**

- We have 10 seats open
  - Children with SED- 4 seats
  - Youth (Ages 18-25)-2 seats
  - Individuals in Recovery- 2 seats
  - Individuals in Recovery SA- 1 seat
  - Provider Seats- 2 seats
- 2 Applications has been received and recommended by membership committee
  - Jason Melegari- Youth Service Systems, Wheeling WV
  - Brenda Lamkin- West Virginia Parent Training & Info, Buchanan, WV

Jason Melegari & Brenda Lamkin were both present at the council meeting, and they were asked to tell the council a little bit about themselves, about why they wanted on the council. They were both then asked to leave the room so that council members could have a discussion and vote.

**Aaron Morris made a motion to accept Jason Melegari, Deanna Thomas seconded it, all were in favor.**

**David Sanders made a motion to accept Brenda Lamkin and Donna Moss seconded it, all were in favor.**

#### **Disability Day at the Capitol- Vanessa Vangilder**

- Fairshake Network held a training on Feb. 5th 2019
  - Speaker from Washington DC, Liz Weintraub, Senior Advocacy Specialist at AUCD
  - Panel of self-advocates
- Disability Day was Feb 6, 2019; Proclamation was given
- Next Year's Disability Training and day will be January 21-22, 2020

#### **Recovery Day was March 7, 2019**

- 150 Participants & 15 Vendors

#### **Presentation- Debbie E Hissom- Director of Inmate Health Services WV Dept of Corrections**

**(See attachment for presentation)**

#### **Committee Work**

Broke into committee work sessions

**Next meeting July 18, 2019**