

## Behavioral Health Work Group Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date/ Location:** January 4, 2017, Shenandoah Community Health Center is located at 99 Tavern Road in Martinsburg

**Attendees:** Lisha Burks, Tina Burns, Heather Chrisman, Nathan Cook, Kristen Gingery, Valerie Gorman, Joni Greenberg, Amanda Huffman, Lori Lawson, John Lyon, Caroline Mcleod, Giselle Perry, Penny Porter, Hannah Stewart, and Kija Wilson.

**Next Meeting:** February 1, 2017

### **I. Welcomes and Introductions**

### **II. Updates and Announcements:**

- a. The December minutes were reviewed and approved.
- b. Kija: There will be a **Veteran's Mental Health First Aid** on January 11, 2017 at Blue Ride Community and Technical College. This training is free and open to the public. Please contact Kija Wilson at [klwilson@k12.wv.us](mailto:klwilson@k12.wv.us) to register.
- c. Lori: There will be a **Violence Prevention Summit** on March 9, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg. There are CEU's pending for Nursing, Education and Social Work. If you are interested in vending or attending please contact Lori at: [llawson@k12.wv.us](mailto:llawson@k12.wv.us).
- d. Caroline: **The Berkeley Jefferson Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention** will be receiving a grant this month. They are trying to build a coalition, and are trying to mobilize non-health professionals. They are looking for mentors to volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club. They are looking for ideas and structures to plug people into the community. The next meeting will take place next Tuesday from **6:30-8:00 at the Jefferson County Health Department**.
- e. Tina: **Shenandoah** has hired a new LCISW and will have a bi-lingual Doctor at their Winchester location. Additionally, Shenandoah does have a Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, named Dr. Lamonaca. Tina mentioned that providers will require all new therapists to be working towards Substance Abuse Certification.
- f. Penny: **The United Way will host a Grant Application Workshop on January 31st**. This grant will be open on their website on February 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a smaller application for grant requests under \$5000.00 and a longer application for those requesting over \$5000.00. The focus for this grant will be Mental Health.
- g. Gisele: we have completed the **Jefferson County School's 7<sup>th</sup> grade Assessment**. All parents will be receiving a packet with a cover sheet. To date 568 out of 720 were assessed. Eight of those students scored in a very high need

area and will be quickly referred to receive follow up assistance. Seventy students scored in a high need area (e.g. experiencing peer issues, emotional hyperactivity or conduct problems) and will receive follow up assistance. Two of the four Middle Schools were assessed and 2 resident doctors helped with scoring numerous children's test. Dr. Gibson will recommend methods for prevention and early intervention for families.

- h. Penny: The United Way will hold **Leadership Breakfast** monthly meetings on various impact areas such as: Mental Health and Education.
- i. Kija: offered to provide data and a presentation, and Joni offered to try to get a student to give a testimonial on the positive impact of having additional assistance provided by Project Aware in the school system.

### **III. Old Business: HHSC Legislative Session on 1/27/17**

- a. Tina: The FRN sent invitations to all 3 county's Legislators and County Commissioners. Christin will send out a list of the RSVP's to the Steering Committee next week. The Steering Committee will use that list to make follow up phone calls to legislators to encourage attendance.
- b. Penny gave a report on the speaker topics for the Legislative Breakfast:
  - Mental Health Needs in the School Systems and the request to remove duplicative background checks for employees
  - Requesting to change the age requirement for AWBAD and SPOKES and a talk about earned income tax credits
  - Advocating for fully funding 211
  - Early Childhood Development/ Education

### **IV. New Business: Fact Sheet**

- a. Tina: suggested the fact sheet should include identified resources in the community. This would include the available services as well as the needs of our community. The workgroup could provide a list of Behavioral Health services and resources in the community.
- b. We need to advocate for Expanded School Mental Health, and fight against cuts to programs like these that have been successful.
- c. We could compare the services and funding we do have compared to the rest of the state and other states.

#### **Action Items:**

- **Kija** can send the Project Aware #'s to Gisele
- **Hannah** can send the #'s for Reduction in Drug use rates among students in Morgan County.

- **Valerie** can send the #'s of Behavioral Health Clients seen in both hospitals
- d. Drug Court for both Berkeley and Jefferson Counties is effectively shut down until someone is hired to fill the position that organized the Drug Courts.

**Action Item:**

- **Joni:** will follow up for information regarding Berkeley County Drug Court.
- e. The workgroup agreed to hold the Work Plan until February to allow time to work on the Fact Sheet.

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