**Behavioral Health Work Group Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date/ Location**: April 5, 2017,Shenandoah Community Health Center is located at 99 Tavern Road in Martinsburg

**Attendees**: Lisha Burks, Tina Burns, Heather Chrisman, LaDonna Duckett, Caren Forestandi, Bondy Gibson, Kristen Gingery, Valerie Gorman, Joni Greenberg, Lori Lawson, Patrick Mathis, Gisselle Perry, Christin Rice, and Sharlene Liberto

**Next Meeting**: May 3, 2017

1. **Welcomes and Introductions**
2. **New Business:**
* Peter Callahan from Callahan Counseling provided an update on the Detox/Crisis Stabilization Facility in Martinsburg. On 12/6 there was a hearing to rezone the old Buyers Guide building for transitional housing. Callahan purchased the building, and is in the process of building an addition and installing a new storm/drainage system to accommodate a 16 bed facility. It will sit until next month until the addition plans are approved by the state. The state has approved the site and it will cost 1.5 million to get the facility operational. The next meeting with the city will take place on 5/6. September is the projected open date. They are looking to hire 2 psychiatrists; 4-5 masters level therapists, and 2 cooks/nutritionists. This will raise the Callahan staff to around 35.
* The facility will accept private insurance, and Charity Care through Medicaid. The expected length of stay will be 4-10 days. They plan to use MTM, PANTRAM, and the Callahan van for transportation
* Currently, there are only 3 detox facilities like this in the state: PCU in Bridgeport, Northwood in Parkersburg, & one in Morgantown.
* Peter reassured the group that he will give local residents precedence over out of town clients.
1. **Old Business:**
2. The group reviewed the updated Work Plan with the additions from the last meeting. Giselle suggested we should add goals and objectives that we would like to accomplish in the community. One of those would be increasing Behavioral Health resources in the community.
3. We need to add Transportation to the list of barriers to access services. (The Day Report Center has started a log of all of the issues with MTM. Tina: asked the DRC and HART to put together a brief summary of these issues.
4. The group was asked to review the Behavioral Health Matrix to see if member’s organization’s information was included or updated. A suggestion was made to include: eligibility, capacity, and insurance acceptance criteria.
5. Joy provided a CHNA Update:
* The major areas that need future assistance are: Behavioral Health, Chronic Illness (Diabetes, etc.), Primary and Secondary Lung Cancer & Colorectal Cancer, and Neonatal Health Concerns.
* They are in the process of pulling together champions to focus on these areas of need.
1. Valarie:
* We see the need for hosting a specific Mental Health Fair. October is “Recovery Month”, and that might be the appropriate time to host an event. BMC is getting a staff member to teach Adult Mental Health First Aid, and hope to offer classes in May or June.
1. **Updates and Announcements:**
2. Alcohol Awareness month is in May. BMC will be handing out information on Friday in their lobby from 10-2.
3. NYAP has new foster homes, and is looking to hire a Bachelor’s level social worker.
4. NYAP and RESA8 offer CPR trainings
5. Tina: Shenandoah’s waiting list has gone down and Charles Town only has a waiting list time frame of 1or 2 weeks.
6. Christin: the HHSC Quarterly meeting will take place at 8:30 on May, 5th at the Berkeley County DHHR.
7. Berkeley County Health Department’s Harm Reduction program is open on Wednesday from 12-2. The focus is on prevention, and they are looking for volunteers.
8. Giselle: Harpers Ferry Healthy Mom’s and Babies Program is full. They are expecting 12 healthy babies to be born by August of 2017. All the families are doing well, and the moms are now healthy.
9. The AmeriCorps Vista program is in trouble of losing funding.
10. SB239 might affect charitable donations in the future.
11. The United Way is hosting a Little Black Dress Event on April 28, 2017 6:30-9:30 at the Martinsburg Library.
12. Berkeley Day Report is full with 90 clients. They are awaiting 24 additional referrals, and are about to start an intensive outpatient program.
13. WVU Center for Excellence has Traumatic Brain Injury services available for individual suffering from TBIs and their families. They could be eligible for $1500.00 worth of funding through “Funds for You” program.