



Joint Meeting
Mental Health Addictions Advisory Council
&
Harford County Health Department
Local Health Improvement Coalition - Behavioral Health

Minutes
January 29, 2019
8:00 - 10:00 AM

Call to Order: Mary Bunch, MHAAC Council Chair

Sharon Lipford: Provided updates for the Crisis Center and Healthy Harford

- Rod and Mary presented the crisis system at the BHA advisory council meeting; It was a good opportunity to reach state reps, and talk about what the state needs to look at to keep crisis centers sustainable
- Local Systems Management Integration plan; State is charging local jurisdictions to implement; they will standardize policies and procedures
- Host a learning community to provide technical assistance
- Priorities: (1) No wrong door (2) Adequate and appropriate treatment in the least restrictive setting (3) collaboration among service providers with clear communication (4) Operate efficiently to use data to drive our decision-making (5) Collaboration among service providers with clear communication (6) use evidence based practices
- Starting an innovation and initiatives meeting to discuss new ideas and new best practices

Dr. Moy provided Health Department and OOC update

Population Data:

- January-July 2018: number of opioid deaths in Harford county has decreased by 8%
- State has increased by 15%
- Heroin and Fentanyl death- Heroin deaths have decreased in both the state and Harford County
- Fentanyl death have increased (Harford county not as much as the state)

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- OOCC/ACR-links people to treatment (93 people linked to services)
- 6-8 individuals on waiting list (ACR overcapacity to serve in people and budget)

Jessica Kraus- Core Services

- Mosaic will be closing Bel Air location and moving to Belcamp (limited services)
- Project Chesapeake- moving into county (out patient mental health, psych, substance use)
- Quarterly All-provider meeting- provides updates and give presentations and resources
- Continuum of care (COC)- housing services; have rooms available for single adults and people with families (prefer people who have misdemeanor background-hard to house)
- Jess and Paula did self-assessment for BHA (rate integration level)- use to determine next steps for providers servicing individuals
- Many barriers- lack of guidance; patient care; inconsistent process on how to integrate
- Scored low on formalized (great communication, but very little formalized process)

Marcy Austin- LAA

- Recently change in leadership; will perform assessment and restructure if necessary

Andrea Pappas- Health Department

- Detention Center: 2 clinicians and a peer recovery coach
- 5 peer groups with 53 inmates (met individually with 15)
- 17 Vivitrol Assessments

Joe Ryan- Office of Drug Control Policy

- Night of Conversation- 50-60 people responded to survey for parents to have conversation with children
- PSA's in movie theaters
- ACR- received Care First Grant for \$111,000
- Play Addicted- March and April at North Harford High and Mount Zion
- Pledge Program- Youth's Benefit Elementary school- 4 week after school program for 40 children; age appropriate prevention

Crisis Center Updates:

October 25th hosted the preview of the crisis center

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Launched in 4 phases

1. Hotline/operation center
2. Outpatient
3. Crisis beds
4. Ashley IOP

Rod- workgroups- integration

- Contract vendor for food services ,Lab Work, Pharmacy, Transportation (transport for ER to crisis center and from crisis center to ER)

Since October 1- Vicki- clinical manager (oversees crisis team)

- 236 calls so far- 62 dispatches
- Need to get the word out that they are there especially overnight

Pam Llewyn- update about other phases

Next phase will be January (winter)

- Small private practice Mon-Fri
- Starting small practice to go through accreditation process

Spring will open urgent care walk-in for behavioral health

- 18 private “pods” , 8 residential crisis beds

Maryland Coalition for Families: Lorri Irrgang

- Support Connect and empower families
- Connect Families

Announcements:

- Grant to Hire a mental health specialist- 11-month position; liaison to crisis center (Marybeth Stapleton did the legwork)
- Ashley Addiction Treatment- Transportation to and from IOP
- Looking to provide PHP at Elkton and UCH
- MRP- MRP needs provider
- Rod- Aberdeen in 2020/2021 behavioral health will move from Harford Memorial
- Life-bridge and Union Hospital; unmerging

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- Bergand – TriCare, Aetna and Cigna- working with active duty military

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