

**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
TUESDAY, July 12, 2016 @ 1:00 pm**

Members present: Richard Leclerc (Chair), Richard Antonelli, Linda Bryan, Fred Trapassi, Esther Picone, Mark Fields, Anne Mulready, Brian Sullivan, Sarah Dinklage, Ruth Feder

Appointed members present: David Spencer

Legislators: None

Ex-officio members present: Ruth Anne Dougherty, Chris Strnad (DCYF); Louis Cerbo (DOC); Colleen Polselli (DOH); Michelle Brophy (BHDDH); Sharon Kernan (EOHHS); Alice Woods (DOE)

Guests: Linda Barovier, Bette Ann McHugh, Brenda Amodei, Dan Fitzgerald, Jenna Makevich, (BHDDH); Linda Tomasso (TPC); Rena Sheehan (BCBSRI); Julia Steiny (Youth Restoration Project); Colleen Daley Ndoye (Project Weber/RENEW); Shannon Spurlock (RIPRC); Jim Beasley (RI Kids Count); Bill Bentley, Bianca Policastro (BVCAP); Anatoly Burke, Sandra Robinson (PSN); Joyce Curcio (ProvPlan-Consumer Advocate Trainee); Denise Cushmaney; Steve Morley, Ranny Dougherty (DCYF); Jeffrey Hill (RIDOH)

Staff: James Dealy, BHDDH

Review of Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Richard Leclerc. Richard asked those in attendance at the June 9 meeting to let him know if their names were missing from the minutes. There were two additions: Richard Antonelli and James McNulty. Richard asked if there was any discussion of the June 9 minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes with the additions and seconded. Minutes were approved as amended.

Committee Reports:

Evidence Based Workgroup:

Linda Barovier reported that the committee had a meeting with Behavioral Health services. The committee recommended a consultation with someone with advanced training. The Evidence Based Workgroup is continuing to meet and have identified three levels of evidence based programming.

Anne Mulready spoke about Healthy Transitions. She stated that the HT Advisory Sub-Committee has disbanded its workgroup on housing for transition age youth, in favor of having representatives join the Coalition for the Homeless workgroup on housing for homeless youth. Representatives will work with the Coalition on ensuring that youth have a voice in advocating for needed services. At its August 2016 meeting, the sub-committee will be looking at expanding its capacity in order to be able to serve as an advisory committee to BHDDH's new grant initiative for transition age youth with substance use disorder.

Olmstead:

Ruth Feder announced they are still recruiting people to work on this committee. Their first meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21

DCYF Presentation:

Steve Morley, DCYF, presented on the DCYF's Program Initiatives. His Power Point presentation on Children Absent from Care (CAFC) and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) accompanies these minutes.

In the presentation Steve defined CAFC and CSEC, described the goals, outlined the scope of the problem, addressed the Federal Regulations, spoke about the RI Safe Harbor Legislation and presented the results. An open discussion followed the presentation.

2014 and 2015 Annual reports:

Richard asked if there was any discussion of the 2014 annual report. A motion was made to accept the report. The 2014 annual report was approved as submitted.

Richard asked if there was any discussion of the 2015 annual report. A motion was made to amend the report. There was some language to be changed on page 4 of the report. A motion was made to amend the 2015 annual report. It was approved that the report was to be amended. A motion was made to accept the 2015 annual report as amended. The 2014 annual report was approved as amended.

BHDDH Update:

Michelle Brophy stated there was no new business to report. Michelle said that going forward the meetings will be held at the Arnold Conference Center.

EOHHS Update:

Sharon Kernan reported that there was nothing new.

Old/New Business

There was nothing to discuss, there was a pass on old/new business

Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 by vote of the members.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 11, 2016: 8:30 AM

Arnold Conference Center, Regan Building, 111 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI

**Statutory and Public members, please let Jim Dealy know if you cannot attend
This meeting is open to the public.**

If you plan to attend and you require special accommodations to ensure equal participation, please contact Jim Dealy at the Division of Behavioral Healthcare Services at 462-0118.