

**Meeting Minutes of
The Governor's Council on Behavioral Health
Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

The Governor's Council on Behavioral Health met at 1:00 p.m. on December 11, 2012 at Barry Hall, conference room 126, 14 Harrington Road, Cranston RI 02920.

Members Present: Linda Bryan, Fred Trapassi, Cathy Ciano, Mark Fields, Joseph Lee, Bruce Long, Anne Mulready, and Richard Leclerc (chair).

Appointments Designated by Position Present: Craig Syata (CEO of RICCHMO)

Ex-Officio Members Present: Chris Strnyd (DCYF); Lou Cerbo and Elizabeth Earls (DOC); Deb Florio and Sharon Kernan (EOHHS); Catherine Taylor (DEA); Chris Strnyd and Ruth Anne Dougherty (DCYF); Charles Williams, Rebecca Boss and Corinna Roy (BHDDH); Colleen Polselli (DOH)

Guests: Deborah Long, Rehabilitation Manager at NRI Community Services; John Neubauer, RI Kids Count; Michael Montanaro(ORS); Lori Dorsey (BHDDH); Sarah Dinklage (RISAS); Laura Jones –RI Parent Information Network; Jim Gillan, The Providence Center/Anchor Recovery Center; Deb Varga (BHDDH); Susan Jacobson (MHARI); Kathryn Grygiel (OHHS)

Staff: James Dealy and Linda Harr.

Richard Leclerc called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Copies of the Agenda and Minutes were circulated. The minutes were reviewed. There were no requests for discussion or revisions. Richard asked for a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented, which was made by Joseph Le. Bruce Long abstained due to his absence at the last meeting. The Motion carried.

Infrastructure Committee update: Denise Achin: Denise being absent, this portion was tabled for the next meeting.

Data/Needs Assessment Committee: Liz Earls: Liz distributed a report on the 10/12/12 NAC meeting. The Committee had identified possible data sources for each priority population: Military Families, youth who smoke marijuana, homeless/behaviorally disordered, those with SMI and co-morbid disorders, and prevention and mental health promotion. Liz and Jim will meet with Annie to follow up and identify suggested next steps for the group. The next full meeting will be scheduled January 9th with another meeting on January 28th. Hopefully, the Committee will be able to wrap up their work by February.

ROSC (The Recovery Oriented System of Care) Committee Update: Ian Knowles: Susan said deferred a ROSC presentation until February, after the subcommittees have had a chance to meet.

Global Waiver: Deb Florio: Deb circulated a copy of her presentation "Rhode Island's 1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver: The Global Consumer Choice Compact" and presented some of the aspects of the 1115 Waiver that has governed Rhode Island's Medicaid program since 2009. (See **Global Waiver presentation included w/minutes**).

Update from EOHHS: Deb Florio Deb stated that her updates were covered in the above presentation.

Update from DCYF: Chris Strnad Chris presented on two grants awarded to DCYF by SAMSHA. The first is a four year, \$1,000,000.00 grant, which is an infrastructure planning grant. Two positions and a support network are being funding with this grant. There are also four positions within DCYF associated with the grant; a financial analyst, quality improvement/data person, an IT position and a

project coordinator. The goal of the grant is to keep kids out of placement. The second grant is for early education. There are three positions being paid for through that grant. Chris also described a grant-funded juvenile justice initiative that has been operating for about a year. Its purpose is to prevent unnecessary incarceration at the RITS, by providing electronic monitoring and community-based services arranged by juvenile probation officers as an alternative. In its first year, it has provided electronic monitoring for approximately 130 youth. Of those, about 120 have been diverted from training school placement. About 90% of them have avoided any type of adjudication subsequent to their initial sentencing. John said that RI Kids had strongly supported the legislation allowing for this program and that it provided strict monitoring. The monitoring devices have GPS software, and there is a substantial fine for removing them. Under the program, the youth can still go to school. Finally, Chris noted the close collaboration between DCYF and Bradley Hospital over the past 4-5 months, which is resulting in a reduction in the number of hospitalizations.

Update from BHDDH: Rebecca Boss Rebecca indicated that the Department's budget will be ready soon. The Department has put in its submission for the EDD (**see Emergency Department Diversion proposal included w/the minutes**). This is the program that proposes to divert people who are primarily intoxicated from having to go to emergency rooms and to have them taken instead to an alternative setting where there is appropriate treatment. The proposed program's acronym is STOP (Sobering Treatment Opportunity Programs). Rebecca also mentioned BHDDH's meeting with the Department of Health's chronic care and management program. Out of this meeting grew the opportunity for BHDDH to participate in the Grand Rounds that the Department of Health has been hosting for physicians.

Old/New Business: Rich Leclerc: Jim Gillian circulated a flyer for Thursday night, January 10th. Two brochures were also distributed from RI Kids Count.

A Motion was made to Adjourn. Craig Syata so moved and Joseph Le seconded. No objection having been made, Richard Leclerc adjourned the meeting at 2:25 PM.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 8:30 A.M. on Thursday, February 14, 2013 BHDDH, Barry Hall, Room 126.

Minutes respectfully recorded and written by:

Linda Harr

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