

**Mental Health Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
East Greenwich High School
Guidance Conference Room
December 19, 2014**

The following were in attendance: Jen Condon, Sharon Foley, Ann Horgan, Lyn Hostetler, Nina Mackta, Rachel Silverman, Brad Wilson and Carolyn Mark

I. Welcome/Intros

Carolyn let folks know that new school committee member Dr. Yan Sun was interested in joining the committee, and will participate as her schedule allows.

II. Webinar Series on Funding and Sustainability for School Mental Health

Carolyn Mark shared information regarding webinars on school mental health, including one that is coming up on 1/21 on funding and sustainability. Carolyn and Brad will look into participating, but all are welcome. Carolyn will forward the info to the full group.

III. First Responder Training

Nina Mackta needs to get back to Susan Orban about scheduling training. Could be in January. Has a list of 20 interested folks. May be an issue to get subs. Will be held in two 4 ½ hour sessions. Looking for space to hold training and possibility of utilizing volunteers. There may be space for police officers to join in the police training - SK will let us know. Carolyn Mark will talk to the town about the possibility. Resource officers are already included in the planned training in EG.

IV. Breakout Workgroups/Report Outs

The group stayed together and provided report-outs in various areas as follows:

Data Collection (Sharon Foley):

Has been consulting with guidance staff and shared a draft form that staff will pilot. Also, consulted with David Kane regarding what we can and can't do as a district with respect to data collection from a legal perspective. Bottom line is that individuals can keep notes but when those notes become shared it becomes more of an issue. When staff meets on Mondays, they are going to see if they can cross reference information and aggregate data. Will start in HS and then go to Middle School. The primary purpose of the data collection efforts is two fold: individual intervention, as well as general info, so we can monitor trends. Primary goal is to coordinate care and proactively address needs.

MH Resources (Jen Condon):

Has identified a ton of resources. Needs to more fully vet them to decide which we want to make available electronically.

Program Assessment (Lyn Hostetler):

Still need a green light to get into buildings. Carolyn Mark to get on admin council agenda to talk to principals. Need to look at program evaluation metrics. Interested in looking into Shri

Studios. Nathaniel Green school received a Blue Cross Blue Shield grant for a 12 week session through their phys ed classes (200 students). \$70/hr. May be a cost effective/viable program offering in EG.

Stakeholder Engagement (Carolyn Mark):

Need to map out engagement plan for principals, phys ed/health ed staff, MH staff, teachers, students, parents, etc.

Possible "Whole Child" Meeting in February. Carolyn will reach out to CWC to see if they might like to be involved.

Next meeting: Set for Tuesday, 1/20 @ 10 am, but may need to be rescheduled depending on first responder training (Now rescheduled for February 3.)