



Healthy Connecticut 2020 State Health Improvement Plan

• Mental Health Substance Abuse ACTION Team GoToWebinar NOTES
• Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2017
• Time: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
• Location: GoToWebinar Call
• Conference Call Information:
• Attendees: Janet Storey, Erica Garcia, Judith Dicine, Paloma Bayona, Alyse Chin, Melissa Touma, Sandy Gill, Laurie Ann Wagner, Chantelle Archer

Agenda Items	Discussion	ACTION Items and Person Responsible
Policy Agenda 2018	<p><u>SHIP OBJECTIVE MHSA-1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Strategy 1: Increase knowledge and implementation of behavioral health screening by primary care providers for early identification of possible disorders and guidance for referral to treatment, for youth (age 12-17) and adults (age 18 and older)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was mention of an informational bulletin about behavioral health screenings with Medicaid billing codes; this bulleting was issued two years ago. Since it was first issued there has been a change on how to do billing. • Janet added the following phrase to the strategy: ‘reduce rate of mental health emergency visits’. ❖ <i>Strategy 2: Support CT BHP Intensive Care Manager Program and Opening Doors-CT Hospital Initiative that will reduce behavioral health related emergency department visits</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed changing the strategy to be less specific (i.e. Program to Program). Some of the programs that contribute to this strategy can be included in the progress updates. ❖ <i>Strategy 3: Increase mental health literacy of public safety officials</i> ❖ <i>Strategy 4: Support efforts to create safe and affordable behavioral health recovery homes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are still efforts to affect sober housing standards in New London where there is an initiative to avert injury. A number of municipalities are working on resolving issues in their communities. ❖ <i>Strategy 5: Enhanced trauma awareness in all schools (i.e. colleges, independent, private, etc.)</i> 	<p>Erica will send Janet the bulletins on behavioral health screenings with Medicaid billing codes (strategy1)</p> <p>Erica will find out the number of providers that registered for the CME credit conference. (strategy 1)</p> <p>Alyse will send Janet a summary update on emergency departments – specifically language from the annual report that includes hospital diversion programs (strategy 2)</p> <p>Janet will get an update on strategy 3.</p> <p>Janet will email Scott Newgass about the Shape Grant for strategy 5.</p>

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	<p><u>SHIP OBJECTIVE MHSA-5</u></p> <p><i>Strategy 1: Implement strategies recommended by the ADPC and CORE Initiative regarding the dissemination of Fact Sheets to educate and inform consumers regarding the risks of and alternatives to opioid pain relievers, using strategies appropriate to culture, language, and literacy skills</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was mentioned that the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) website has a lot of educational factsheets on this topic. <p>❖ <i>Strategy 2: Increase understanding of Medication Assisted Treatment among Primary Care, OBGYNs, etc. including reduction of stigma</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ECHO program which addresses opioid abuse disorder is being launched in September. Six providers in behavioral health have signed on to implement this program. <p>❖ <i>Strategy 3: Identify possible opiate misuse and diversion of opiates to reduce the amount of medication being dispensed for non-medical purposes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yale is working with the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) and the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS) on how to quantify the amount of medication being dispensed for non-medical purposes. <p>❖ <i>Strategy 5: Expand overdose prevention education and training and Naloxone access and distribution in regions in Connecticut most impacted by opioid substance use and overdose deaths</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susan Wolfe sent Janet the number of pharmacies that carry naloxone. <p>❖ <i>Strategies 7 & 8 (Surveillance Strategies):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Action Team is not moving forwards with these strategies. <p>❖ <i>Strategy 9: Implement statewide uniform data collection mechanism to streamline naloxone use and reversal outcome reporting.</i></p>	<p>Janet will reach out to Carol Meredith for an update on strategy 1.</p> <p>Janet will get the data for strategy 5.</p> <p>Janet will contact Shawn Lang for a progress update on strategy 9.</p>
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>Next Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 1, 2017, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm 	