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**HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION**  
*Partners Integrating Efforts and Improving Population Health*

**Healthy Connecticut 2020**  
**State Health Improvement Plan**

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse ACTION Team**  
**Meeting AGENDA**

**Date:** 08-07-2019  
**Time:** 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
**Location:** DPH Conference Room 1C, 410 Capitol Ave, Hartford CT

**Attendees: In Person:** *Lauren Siembab (DMHAS, Co-lead); Scott Newgass (SDE); Astha Joshi (DPH, IVP); Ramona Anderson (DPH); Carleen Zambetti (DMHAS); Shobha Thangada (DPH); Laurie Ann Wagner (DPH Facilitator)* **One the phone:** *Cathy Sisco (Wheeler Clinic, Co-lead); Erica Garcia (DSS)*

Agenda Items		Discussion	ACTION Items and person responsible
<b>Welcome / Introductions</b> <i>Cathy</i>	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Janet Storey has retired. Lauren Siembab, Opioid Services Coordinator is now serving as the DMHAS representative on SHIP.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Policy Agenda</b> <i>Laurie Ann</i>	20 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Review of last legislative season – Laurie Ann went over the attached Policy Agenda reviewing the bills that showed progress</i></li> <li>• <i>Identify policies that team supports – Group discussed what policies they are currently preparing or supporting and those that they would like to see considered. The following reflects their initial thoughts</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Lauren reported that DMHAS is in discussion around policy priorities for upcoming legislative session and is pending a decision from their leadership.</i></li> <li>○ <i>Group would like to know what the status is on the Statewide Opioid Response Directive (SWORD)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Ban on Flavor Vaping was raised</i></li> <li>○ <i>Mandate proposed to co-locate naloxone where any AEDs are made available. It was noted that DCP would need to be involved and that this could be a tough sell as there are concerns about issues of drug control.</i></li> <li>○ <i>Group would like to revisit any opioid bills not advanced</i></li> <li>○ <i>Group would like to discuss any existing or potential suicide bills</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><i>Laurie Ann will see what she can find out about SWORD and share with the group.</i></p> <p><i>Laurie Ann will gather information and share with group about opioid bills</i></p>



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<b>Exposure to Trauma</b> <i>Cathy</i>	25 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress made on any strategies listed on Action Agenda</li> <li>• Activity planned for the remainder of 2019</li> </ul>	<p>Some updates were made to strategies but much of the discussion was around what measures would reflect progress towards team priorities and potential data sources for these measures.</p> <p>See attached Action Agenda for details.</p>
<b>Behavioral Health – ED visits</b> <i>Cathy</i>	25 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Progress made on any strategies listed on Action Agenda</i></li> <li>• <i>Activity planned for the remainder of 2019</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Substance Use and Misuse</b> <i>Cathy</i>	25 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Progress made on any strategies listed on Action Agenda</i></li> <li>• <i>Activity planned for the remainder of 2019</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Update on SHA and Preparation for SHIP 2.0</b> <i>Laurie Ann</i>	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>SHA development</i></li> <li>• <i>Advisory Council – anything this group wants communicated to council?</i></li> <li>• <i>Summit planned</i></li> </ul>	<p>With little time left in the meeting Laurie Ann shared that the SHA is still in development and will be released for public comment before being officially published. She also shared that members should put September 20, 2020 on their calendars for the SHIP Summit at the Chrysalis Center.</p>
<b>Next steps</b> <i>Cathy</i>	5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Next meeting scheduled for: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 410 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT</i></li> </ul>	<p>Announcement made and Cathy adjourned the meeting.</p>