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HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION
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Healthy Connecticut 2020
State Health Improvement Plan

Mental Health and Substance Abuse ACTION Team
Meeting NOTES

Date: 02/03/2020
Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Cathy Sisco, Wheeler Clinic (Co-lead); Lauren Siembab (Co-lead), CT Dept. of Mental Health & Addiction Services; Ramona Anderson, CT Dept. of Public Health; Scott Newgass, State Dept. of Education; Shobha Thangada, CT Dept. of Public Health, Carleen Zambetti, CT Dept. of Mental Health & Addiction Services; CT Dept. of Public Health; Chantelle Archer, CT Dept. of Public Health, Chantelle Archer, CT Dept. of Public Health, Sandy Gill, CT Dept. of Public Health

Agenda Items		Discussion	ACTION Items and person responsible
Welcome/Introductions <i>Cathy Sisco</i>	5 min		
HCT2025: Future Direction <i>Sandy Gill</i>	15 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning sessions to develop the next SHIP, Healthy CT 2025, occurred between August and October of last year. Statewide partners had the opportunity participate during these virtual sessions to identify and finalize the goals, strategies and objectives for the plan, which will focus on the social drivers of health, specifically four priority areas including Access to Healthcare, Economic Stability, Healthy Food and Shelter, and Community Strength, & Resilience. The plan has will prioritize • Following the planning sessions, Health Resources in Action (HRIA) began to develop a draft plan that could be shared with members of the public. In November, Coalition and Action Team members along with other statewide partners were invited to comment on the most current draft plan. • Since the public comment period ended, the SHIP DPH staff have been working to identify indicators for the plan based on the objectives defined for each priority area. Finding consistent, measurable data to measure the objectives has proved to be challenging for some objectives. For this reason, some objectives will need to be modified. Staff also plans to work with the SHIP Advisory Council to assist with this effort. 	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The goal is to launch the plan by the end of April, beginning of May and to launch the new Action Teams by June. The goal is to have the new Action Teams meeting monthly in the beginning. Q: Are the new Action Teams based on the social drivers of health? A: Yes, for example, the community strength and resilience priority area combines emergency preparedness and crime and violence. This area also accommodates those who would need special services. 	
MHSA: Future Direction <i>MHSA Action Team</i>	30 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the last meeting there were strong feelings on continuing to meet. Other Action Teams will continue to meet including, Maternal, Infant & Child Health and Injury & Violence Prevention. Q: Are there issues that the team could assist with (e.g. advocacy, creating/promoting trainings etc.)? A: The Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS) would continue to address suicide prevention, overdose deaths. Work will also continue councils and committees. DMHAS would likely be involved with the new Action Teams. The data collected for the data worksheet will still be used in the dashboards. The SHIP Communication Committee and the SHIP Data Advisory Committee would provide opportunities to share information and data related to mental health and substance abuse issues with partners. SHIP DPH staff will transition the MHSA HCT2020 distribution list to HCT2025 to continue sharing information with former members of the team. After members provided their thoughts about continuing to meet, the decision was made to dissolve the team. 	
Data Worksheet Review/Updates <i>MHSA Action Team</i>	60 min	<p>Members who haven't sent their updates will send updates to Cathy.</p> <p>It was suggested that the data in the worksheet could potentially be shared with the SHIP Advisory Council. Cathy asked Chantelle about scheduling a meeting to assist with this effort.</p>	
Next steps <i>Cathy Sisco</i>	10 min	<p><i>Next meeting: February 5, 2021, 1:00-2:00 pm</i></p>	