

**Adult Behavioral Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Day/Date:	Thursday, November 9, 2023, 2:00 – 4:00 PM	
Location:	Teams	
Members Present:	Pamela Mautte, Peter Tolisano, Laura Watson, Allyson Nadeau, Jennifer Abbatemarco, Giovanna Mozzo, Allison Fulton	
Staff Present:	Kyle Barrette, Sarju Shah, Liz Feder, Dana Begin	
AGENDA ITEM:		ACTION
Block Grant Update: Kyle Barrette	<p>Kyle provided updates on FFY24 block grant allocation plan. Kyle stated that we are still waiting on federal spending bills and full FFY24 budget to be approved before we will know what our MHBG and SUBG award amounts will be for FFY24. Current spending plan is based on flat funding from FFY23.</p> <p>Kyle provided updates on the statewide First Episode Psychosis initiative. Kyle noted that DMHAS has implemented Regional Early Detection and Assessment Specialists (EDACS) in each of the DMHAS service regions. They will focus on identifying individuals in the community who have first episode psychosis to help connect them to services and provide education and resources. Another initiative that has been implemented is a Consultation phone line that can be used by clinicians/providers that are providing care to an individual with psychosis, to obtain clinical consultation regarding best practices, medication management, and referrals.</p> <p>Kyle provided an overview of new initiatives that DMHAS is implementing with block funding, based on the needs/recommendations stemming from the planning council survey and statewide behavioral health needs assessment that was conducted as part of the biennial block grant application process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-Occurring training and consultation services for state operated facilities ▪ Co-Occurring Media campaign ▪ Web based training tools for state operated facilities/staff ▪ Adding SUD focused clinicians to Mobile Crisis teams ▪ Adding more clinical support within the Women’s Recovery Support Programs 	Kyle will send out links with more information about EDACS and consultation line
Focusing on Civil and Human Rights within Mental Health: Kathy Flaherty	New report released by The WHO on Civil and Human Rights within Mental Health. Kathy Flaherty’ presentation on this report is forthcoming.	Report link sent to members. Kathy Flaherty will present on report at next meeting.
Co-Occurring disorders discussion: Angela Duhaime	Angela unable to join for today’s meeting. Presentation on Co-Occurring Disorders Treatment is forthcoming	Angela to present at next meeting

<p>DMHAS Update: Sarju Shah, Director, Prevention Services Division Dana Begin, Director, Evidence Based Practices and Grants Division</p>	<p>Sarju provided updates on new Prevention initiatives and projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The recoveryhappensherect.org website that focuses on recovery stories is up and running ▪ RBHAO's held various Recovery events throughout the state in the month of September ▪ Vaping campaign currently underway (https://www.drugfreect.org/know-ur-vape/) ▪ Prevention Division received “Partnership for Success” federal grant which focuses on underage drinking. Will be undertaking new work through this grant ▪ Prevention Division received Prescription Drug Overdose grant <p>Dana provide updates regarding the crisis services continuum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rollout of 988 continues to run smoothly. Data shows call volume continues to increase. ▪ DMHAS continues to work towards 24/7 coverage for all adult Mobile Crisis teams (MCTs) in the state. Currently, 12 out of 18 adult MCTs are 24/7. 	
<p>Meeting Planning for 2024: Kyle Barrette</p>	<p>Kyle led the council in a discussion regarding meeting structure and calendar for CY2024. Members voted to continue with the same meeting schedule as CY2023 with the possibility of conducting one meeting in-person so that members could meet in person. Council members discussed that they would like to continue with virtual format for most meetings because this allows more members to participate.</p> <p>Kyle solicited input regarding agenda items or presentation ideas for CY2024. No ideas were provided. Kyle noted he would send out email to solicit ideas for CY2024 agenda items so that members could have more time to consider.</p>	<p>Members voted to maintain the existing meetings times/structure for CY2024.</p> <p>Kyle to send follow-up email to all members, requesting ideas and recommendations for agenda items for CY2024.</p>
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>March 14, 2024, 2:00-3:30pm via Microsoft Teams</p>	