

**Adult Behavioral Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Day/Date:	September 8, 2022 2:00 – 4:00 PM	
Location:	Teams	
Attendance		
Members Present:	Peter Tolisano (DDS), Chlo-Anne Bobrowski (SDE), Bill Halsey (DSS), Laura Watson (DOH), Allyson Nadeau, Kathy Flaherty, Maureen O’Neil-Davis, Ellen Econs, Jennifer Abbatemarco, Pamela Mautte, Allison Fulton, Lori Fedewa	
Staff Present:	Kyle Barrette, Chrishaun Jackson, Elsa Ward, Dana Begin, Kim Karanda, Shelly Nolan	
AGENDA ITEM:		ACTION
FFY23 Block Grant Application: Kyle Barrette	Kyle presented on the FFY23 Block Grant application and provided overview of allocation. This was a “mini” application. The next full biannual application will be prepared over the course of next year for submission in August of 2023. The application will include analysis of statewide and regional gaps/needs. This will be presented to the council early in 2023 for feedback and comments from the Planning Council.	Link to block grant application sent by email to members
Legislative update: Kyle Barrette	Kyle discussed legislative “wish list” being compiled by DMHAS Chief of Staff Chris McClure who is taking over the role of legislative liaison from Mary Kate Mason who recently retired. Kyle noted that any legislative ideas/recommendations from Planning Council members can be included.	Planning Council members to send ideas/recommendations to Kyle Barrette
988/Crisis Response Update: Dana Begin	Dana Begin, Director of Evidence Base Practices, presented on the rollout of 988 in Connecticut. New federal legislation requires states to establish a three digit suicide and crisis lifeline. This was formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which will continue to operate through the new 988 line. United Way serves as the call center for 988 as well as other crisis response and resource hotlines in the state. All of these numbers will continue in operation and there will be no wrong number for people to call. Calls to all numbers, including 988 will be triaged to most appropriate staff and resources. DMHAS continues to conduct media campaigns to raise awareness about 988. Dana noted that any questions about 988 can be forwarded to her at dana.begin@ct.gov .	

<p>Recovery System Update: Kyle Barrette</p>	<p>Elsa Ward, Director of the Office of Recovery and Community Affairs, presented on the work of her Office. The office continues to promote recovery and the different pathways to recovery. Elsa requested that any community partners or council members interested in recovery can reach out to her to discuss potential ways of working together. Elsa noted that she has been conducting visits to providers throughout the state and has the goal of visiting all CT PNP providers by the end of 2023. Elsa discussed upcoming mental health awareness month and noted that providers can reach out to her to collaborate for any events they are holding and so that DMHAS can help raise awareness about the events through social media.</p> <p>Elsa discussed upcoming trainings on integrated healing being led by New Life II, a faith-based organization based out of New Britain. These trainings will target community members and stakeholders, to understand how integrated healing can support individuals in recovery.</p> <p>Elsa noted that she is working to redesign the website for the Office of Recovery Community Affairs.</p>	
<p>Presentation: ACCESS Mental Health for Moms CT: Shelly Nolan</p>	<p>Shelly Nolan, director of Women’s Services, provided a presentation on a new block grant funded initiative, ACCESS Mental Health CT for Moms (https://www.accessmhct.com/moms/). This program is a collaboration between DMHAS, Beacon Health Options, and Yale, and seeks to improve maternal health outcomes and reduce postpartum fatalities related to mental health and/or substance use disorder. Through the program, primary care physicians and other medical staff who are caring for pregnant and parenting women can receive direct consultation to better support and care for patients that are experiencing mental health and or Substance Use challenges. The program provides medical providers with real-time consultation related to psychopharmacology and counseling recommendations, with the intention of maintaining and improving the mothers existing care.</p>	<p>Presentation slides will be sent to council members</p>
<p>Presentation: Project 169: Vinod Srihari</p>	<p>Vinod Srihari, Professor of Psychiatry (Yale) presented on the work of the STEP clinic that provides specialized treatment to individuals with First-Episode Psychosis, as well as a new campaign to expand treatment resources for First-Episode Psychosis to new regions of the state and reduce the duration of untreated psychosis, through a partnership with DMHAS. Vinod provided background information around efforts to reduce the high burden of illness early in the course of schizophrenia spectrum disorder and the development of the treatment approach used within the STEP clinic. Vinod shared information on the developed of web-based platform to collect and share data related to first-episode psychosis, and provide information on how providers and stakeholders can become involved with the campaign.</p>	<p>Presentation slides will be sent to council members</p>
<p>Expanding Planning Council Membership: Kyle Barrette</p>	<p>Kyle raised discussion about how to increase and expand planning council membership. Kyle sought feedback on recruitment efforts and recommendations for potential new</p>	<p>Continue discussion at next meeting. New member</p>

	members. Kyle noted that is able to reach out to any potential new members to provide orientation on the planning council and answer any questions.	recommendations to be sent to Kyle through email.
Next Meeting:	November, 10, 2022 2:00 – 4:00 PM	