

Adult Behavioral Health Planning Council Meeting

AUGUST 17, 2023

Agenda

1. **Welcome and approval of minutes** – Angela Duhaime (Chair)
2. **Block Grant updates** – Kyle Barrette (DMHAS)
3. **Presentation on alternate language use that aligns with recovery orientation and person-centered care** – Michaela Fissel (Advocacy Unlimited)
4. **Membership discussion** – Angela Duhaime (Chair)
5. **DMHAS updates**
 1. **Prevention** – Sarju Shah, Director, Prevention and Health Promotion
 2. **Recovery system** – Elsa Ward, Director, Office of Recovery Community Affairs
 3. **Crisis Response system** – Dana Begin, Director, Evidence-Based Practices and Grants
6. **Meeting adjournment** – Angela Duhaime (Chair)

Block Grant Application

Full biennial application completed by September 1st 2023

- Provide overview of BH service system
- BH needs assessment (includes Planning Council survey)
- Identify priority areas and performance measures
- Planned expenditures
- Environmental factors

Draft application available for public comment

- <https://portal.ct.gov/DMHAS/Divisions/EQMI/Planning-Unit---Block-Grants>

Proposed projects and priorities to address SUD needs

Increase funding to ACCESS line/transportation providers (look into transportation options/expanding to MH)

Harm reduction centers/rovers

Dissemination of safe storage materials

Alcohol Use Disorder awareness/prevention (alcohol compliance)

Increase training/consultation related to co-occurring disorders and integrated treatment and supports for MH/SUD

Ongoing training/consultation for state-op and PNP providers related to improving care to LGBTQ+ community

Funding to increase and improve plans for safe care

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Increase suicide prevention activities targeted to veterans and communities (RSABs)

Increase capacity of 988 to respond to youth and adults

Implement alternatives to ED for behavioral health crisis stays

Deploy new resources for the identification and treatment of early psychosis

2023 Meeting Planning

Next meeting: Tuesday November 9th

- Agenda items?