

DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNCIL MEETING June 24, 2016, 10:30 am- 12:30 pm

A. Call to Order Chair, Department of Behavioral Health (DBH)/Behavioral Health Council (DBH/BHC)

This was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Department of Behavior Health/Behavioral Health Council (DBH/BHC). It was called to order by the Chair, Senora Simpson, at approximately 10:45 a.m. and ended at 12:00 noon.

B. Meeting Participants

The in-person participants included: Senora Simpson, Cheryl Doby-Copeland, Mimi Gardner, Julie Kozminski, Timothy Robinson, Effie Smith, Agnes Venson, Jocelyn Route and Juanita Reaves.

Guest: Mark Levita, Executive Director, DC Behavioral Health Association

Dial-in participants included: Andrew Reese, Hammere Gebreyes, Tamara Weissman, and Purley Jones.

Excused Absences: Marie Morilus-Black, Evan Langholt, Jennifer Lav, Sara Tribe Clark, Trina Dutta/Claudia Schlosberg, Doris Carter, and Evelyn Sands.

Persons who did not participate in June 24, 2016 Meeting: Samantha Knox, Maria Newman, Miya Wiseman, Tammi Lambert, Yuliana Del Arroyo, Nicole Denny, and Donna Flenory.

Meeting minutes are available on the web.

A quorum was available therefore the meeting continued.

A meeting will be held every other month through October 2016. The Council will meet on July 22, 2016 in order to get back on schedule.

C. Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee (Chery Doby-Copeland, Chair) – The committee has held four meetings. The committee presented the idea of adding DBH Ombudsman and First Stop Recovery to the agenda for a future meeting. Council Chair Simpson indicated that a specifically designed training format should be created for presentation purposes. See attached minutes of the Advocacy Committee's last meeting.

Block Grant Committee (Effie Smith, Co-Chair) – Thirty applications mailed in but two were not received on time and will not be considered in the process. Also, five applications were internally submitted from Department of Behavioral Health. The applications will be sent to an external review committee and the results will be reported to the DBH BHC. The results will then be presented to the Director for final approval. The due date for the entire process is September 28, 2016. Please note that

checks must be issued and projects launched before September 28, 2016. The Block Grant Committee will write steps for the rationale for decision making, reviewing, scoring and final approval with due dates before June 30, 2016.

Program, Data and Policy Committee (Agnes Venson, Chair) – Mrs. Agnes Venson was appointed chair by DBH/BHC Chair, Senora Simpson. The committee met on January 20, 2016. Agenda items included providing feedback and comments on shaping the committee to be cohesive with other states. The committee reviewed the Providers Report Score and discussed services provided to consumers. The committee also attended a Policy Writing Workshop on March 4, 2016. A meeting will be called in July 2016 and minutes will be presented at the DBH BHC meeting on July 22, 2016.

Ad Hoc By-Laws Committee (Phyllis Jones, Chair) – Membership, Terms of Appointment, Attendance at Meetings, Meetings, Quorum and Officers were reviewed.

Membership – The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (criminal justice agency) and The District of Columbia Health Benefit Exchange Authority (state exchange) are no longer with the Council.

Terms of Appointment – Number “E” was changed to read “Community Members will be appointed for a 3-year term, and may be reappointed for one additional 3-year term or until replacement.”

Attendance at Meetings – Number “B” was changed to read “Members may attend telephonically or through other electronic means; if unable to attend in person but may not exceed three by any other means.” Number “C” was changed to read “There are six regularly scheduled council meetings. After the second absence, of any type, in any consecutive 12-month period, a letter will be sent to the Council members inquiring about their status.”

Meetings – This section will be combined with section three (Attendance at Meetings).

Quorum – Number “A” was changed to read A quorum shall consist of a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of active, participating, appointed voting membership of the DBH BHC. At meetings where a quorum is not present, the only actions that may legally be taken are to set a time for adjournment, adjourn, recess, take measures to obtain a quorum, and to determine the time for the next meeting.”

Officers – A volunteer is needed for the Secretary Office. If no one volunteers, one will be appointed at the July 22, 2016 meeting.

D. DBH/BHC Data Needs Survey

The Data Needs Survey will be emailed to Council. All members were asked to complete the survey and send it back by close of business on Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

E. Other Notes

Letters should be sent to Council Members that are not participating.
Ms. Jocelyn Route will mail out the final bylaws.
Representation is needed on the Council for parents and children.