

## Behavioral Health Planning Council Meeting Minutes – September 29, 2023

- Minutes approved by Mark LeVota
- Moment of silence for Eric Scharf
- Dr. Bazron update from DBH
  - FY25 budget formulation
  - Stabilization Center
    - To open early October
  - Federal Government shut down
    - Medicare/Medicaid and Block Grant funds will not be affected.
  - Problem and disordered Gambling Training
    - Free of charge training for providers
  - COVID Tests
    - Order at covidtest.gov
  - Welcome Dr. Jonathan Shephard, Chief Clinical Officer
  - Update of Opioid Abatement Act
    - Settlement fund at Live.Long.DC
  - Get vaccinated.
    - COVID
    - RSV
    - Flu
  - New Fiscal Year 10/01
  - Reminder of 988
  - Questions regarding Hoarding Disorder Training
    - Will follow up with DBH Training Institute for training
  - Hoarding issues with housing voucher
- Community Recommendations for Dr. Bazron
  - Better collaborations with providers regarding peers – Charles Gervin
  - Joint meetings with providers and peers to discuss better service needs
  - Providers don't understand peers
  - Formal process with peers and provider support help – Jean Harris
  - Workforce development with peers
  - Role model and mentorship for peers – Esther Ford
  - Core agency focus on peers and case workers – Elizabeth Maldonado
  - How serious is DBH about using peers? – Charles Gervin
  - Training of supervisors for peers – Esther Ford
  - Targeted Case Management – Jaclyn Verner
  - School Mental Health regarding parental support – Esther Ford
  - Concrete ideas regarding parental school mental health support – Gail Avent
  - More collaborations across systems – Jean Harris
- Next month further discussion regarding school mental health and resources for children – Mark LeVota
- BHPC needs to be aware of school based mental health meetings – Esther Ford

- MCO transition presented by Jennifer Joyce and Camil Douthit
  - April 1, 2024 official start date of integration
- Meeting adjourned.