|  |
| --- |
| **GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  **DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  DBH AGENCY LOGO- email (2) |
| **Coordinating Council on School Mental Health Meeting**  **June 21, 2018**  **64 New York Avenue, NE – Room 284**  **9:00AM – 11:00AM** |
| **Facilitator:** |
|  |

**Coordinating Council Members**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Affiliation/Designation** | **Attendance** | **Designee** | **Attendance** |
| Ms. Maureen Akunwafor | DC Public School Teacher | Not Present |  |  |
| Ms. Erica Barnes | Department of Behavioral Health | Present |  |  |
| Dr. Lee Beers | Children’s National Health System | Present |  |  |
| Dr. Deitra Bryant-Mallory | District of Columbia Public Schools | Not Present |  |  |
| Ms. Alyssa Conti | District of Columbia Public Charter School Teacher | Present |  |  |
| Dr. Kafui Doe | Department of Health | Present |  |  |
| Ms. Denise Dunbar | Department of Behavioral Health | Not Present |  |  |
| Councilmember Vincent Gray | DC Council-Committee on Health | Not Present |  |  |
| Ms. Sharra Greer | Children’s Law Center | Present | Mr. Michael Villafranca | Present |
| Councilmember David Grosso | DC Council-Committee on Education | Present | Ms. Katrina Forrest | Present |
| Ms. Chalon Jones | Office of the Deputy Mayor of Education | Present |  |  |
| Mr. Michael Lamb | Non-Core Services Agency Provider | Not Present |  |  |
| Mr. Mark LeVota | DC Behavioral Health Association | Not Present |  |  |
| Dr. Taiwan Lovelace | Department of Behavioral Health | Present |  |  |
| Mr. Nathan Luecking | Department of Behavioral Health | Present |  |  |
| Mr. Michael Musante | Friends of Choice in Urban Schools (FOCUS) | Present |  |  |
| Mr. Javon Oliver | Department of Health Care Finance | Not Present |  |  |
| Dr. Chioma Oruh | DC Public School Parent | Present |  |  |
| Ms. Michelle Palmer | Non-Core Services Agency | Not Present |  |  |
| Ms. Barbara J. Parks | Department of Behavioral Health | Present |  |  |
| Ms. Marisa Parrella | Core Services Agency | Present |  |  |
| Mr. Scott Pearson | DC Public Charter School Board | Not Present | Audrey Williams | Present |
| Ms. Juanita Price | Core Services Agency | Present |  |  |
| Dr. Olga Acosta Price | Milken Institute School of Public Health, GWU | Present |  |  |
| Ms. Shanica Raiford | Youth Representative | Present |  |  |
| Mr. Justin Ralston | DC Public School Principal | Not Present |  |  |
| Dr. Tanya A. Royster | Department of Behavioral Health | Present |  |  |
| Dr. Heidi Schumacher | Office of the State Superintendent of Education | Present |  |  |
| Dr. Charneta Scott | Department of Behavioral Health | Present |  |  |
| Ms. Colleen Sonosky | Department of Health Care Finance | Not Present | Serina Kavanaugh | Present |
| Ms. Sakina Thompson | Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services | Present |  |  |
| Mr. Raymond Weeden | DC Public Charter School Principal Representative | Present |  |  |
| Ms. Molly Whalen | DC Public Charter School Parent | Present |  |  |

**Additional District Government or DCPCSB Staff Present**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Role** | **Office or Agency** |
| Ms. Cemone Bynum |  | Department of Behavioral Health |
| Ms. Rachel Bradley-Williams | Interim Director of School Mental Health | DC Public Schools |
| Rev. E. Gail Anderson Holness |  | Department of Behavioral Health |
| Ms. Suzanne Greenfield |  | Citywide Bullying Prevention, DC Office of Human Rights |
| Ms. Letitia Winston |  | DC Health |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

**Public Attendees**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Role** | **Organization** |
| Ms. Kerry Savage |  | PAVE |
| Ms. Chika Ugbor |  | PAVE |
| Ms. Alina Liao |  | MindRight |
| Dr. Megan McCormick |  | MedStar Georgetown WISE Center |
| Dr. Aaron Rakow |  | MedStar Georgetown WISE Center |
| Ms. Antonia Oviedo |  | DCPCSB |
| Dr. Yavar Moghimi |  | Amerihealth |
|  |  |  |

**AGENDA**

**Co-Chair Agenda Item*:***

Dr. Royster opened with a recap of the June 5, 2018 CC recommendation to have a co-chair.  Members had expressed a strong preference for a community member.  She noted that members had been asked to offer recommendations for consideration at today’s meeting.  Michael Musante was nominated by several members and he has stated he would accept the position if that is what the Council decides.  In addition, someone nominated Dr. Olga Acosta Price, but she has declined.  She also had stated at the last meeting that she was not interested in the role this time.

CM Grosso shared his view that OSSE would be a good co-chair, given that they oversee both DCPS and PCS.  He expressed concern that Michael Musante could have a hard time advocating beyond his Charter School hat.  Nathan Luecking noted that Charters are essential to the conversation.

Michael Musante shared his view that he sees the Co-Chair role going beyond his role as a representative of FOCUS, and he feels confident he can fulfill the co-chair role with the necessary balancing of interests, taking into account the overall role of the Council.

Dr. Heidi Schumacher, Asst. Superintendent, OSSE, said she spoke with Superintendent Kang, and they are supportive of Michael’s nomination and feel he can represent the full educational sector.  She noted that the Project AWARE application sets out a leadership role for OSSE on the Coordinating Council, but this “requirement” would be met regardless of whether OSSE is a co-chair.  However, if the District is awarded the Project AWARE grant, we should consider what impact that has on the Council’s organization and work.  She noted that one of the primary roles of the Council is to hold the agencies accountable, which argues for a non-governmental co-chair.

Sakina Thompson shared her continued view that the Council should continue to think about how OSSE/Ed Cluster fits into the leadership structure of the Council, as the Education Cluster are equal partners in this effort.  This could be in the form of an Executive Committee, but we also want to keep moving forward, so that is a conversation to keep an eye on.  She says she sees three main stakeholder groups on the Council – Behavioral Health, Education, and Community, which include families, providers, and other community partners.

Sakina made a motion to vote on the Co-Chair; it was seconded.  Dr. Royster called for the vote.  A large majority of the Council said Aye.  No member said No and no member said they abstained.

**Council Membership Update Agenda Item:**

Dr. Charneta Scott noted a recommendation that the District’s Child and Family Service Agency join the Council.  As part of the discussion, Dr. Scott provided a brief overview of CFSA’s new behavioral health model in which CFSA will hire a team of clinicians.  Sakina Thompson made a motion to vote; it was seconded. Dr. Royster called for the vote.  A large majority of the Council said Aye.  No member said No and no member said they abstained.

**Committee Membership Update Agenda Item:**

An updated committee membership roster was distributed to the Council.

**Break-out Committee Work and Captured Discussion**

***Family and Youth Committee explored and proposed:***

* How to infuse family and youth standards/perspectives for providers
* What aspects of family and youth voice do the committees need to know?
* Thinking about consumer experience when they obtain services, what are they thinking (how to get started with implementation, focus on human experience
* Efficiently provide services for students
* A family and child centered perspective, would like to see that families get as much information about what the Comprehensive School Mental Health Program is and what the timeline is. Basic language that speaks to a variety of families - many different populations conveying the aspirations of the program.
* What is the budget? What is the time-line?
* Important to be cost-savvy – use of social media, flyer with general info and post on social media and share, having flyers at schools, recreational centers, local radio (KYS, PGS, NPR)
* PR Science - can we offer a fleshed-out scientific strategy
* Seek expertise of Ms. Jasmine Gossett, Director of Communications, DBH
* Provider readiness Access - parents having conversations, listening tours, town halls, community forums, surveys to see interests/different perspectives
* Having forums/meetings at schools to provide more information for parents
* What would the implementation of disseminating this information look like? Would individual schools be responsible for holding these meetings?

**Strategies for Engagement for Schools**

* Fairs like EDFest
* Park Events
* Provider readiness Access - parents having conversation, listening tours, town halls, community forums, surveys to see interests/different perspectives
* Having forums/meetings at schools to provide more information for parents
* What would the implementation of disseminating this information look like? Would individual schools be responsible for holding these meetings?
* Principals could facilitate a provider for parents or hold one-on-on/smaller sessions
* Recommendations for promoting communication between school provider and primary care physician. Importance of letting parents know the link between the two.
* What will representation look like for provider readiness at schools? Possibly using PTA/PTO’s to relay information to parents at schools.

***Provide and School Readiness Committee explored and proposed:***

**Communication to the Principals**

* Letters to the Charter Schools went out one week ago.
* DCPS – letters are still being approved. The letter will go out in the Principals weekly, they will be included on June 22, 2018 or June 29, 2018.
* The letter will be sent to committee members so we have an idea of is being communicated to the Principals.

**Provider Certification**

* The question came up regarding will there be some requirement for potential providers to be certified by DBH.
* There are many different providers that are currently providing services in school that are not MHRS providers.
* CBOs are included in potential providers and they are not certified by DBH.
* Amerihealth has providers that are doing treatment in schools (individual and family) but no community support.

**Expectations of Providers**

* What services do we expect providers to offer in the schools?
* There was a different understanding among group members regarding what services providers can offer in the schools. One thought was that all providers that receive grant money from DBH would be expected to provide treatment, early intervention and prevention in the schools. The other thought is that one agency does not have to provide all three levels of services, you may have multiple providers in a school all doing different things to fulfill the school need.

**Provider Readiness**

* The committee will be working on two categories regarding provider readiness:
* There will be Provider Requirements for Grantees
* There will also be Provider Recommendations for providers who are thinking about providing mental health services in schools.

**Medicaid Reimbursable Services**

* The issue of Medicaid Reimbursable services was raised. At the same time that we are looking at provider readiness, we also need to be thinking about how and if the services that are provided in schools are reimbursable. This is a critical issue around provider capacity and sustainability.

**Resource Mapping**

* Completion of the resource mapping is needed so that we can have an idea of the needs of the top 25% of the schools.

***Implementation Committee explored and proposed:***

* Partner with Community of Practice vendor to flesh out what to tell them to include and how to engage
  + Should have expertise on Tier 3 provision of service/how to team to access appropriate referrals.  The RFA was conceptualized with the assumption that the highest need schools will need good clinical services and know how to develop that system in a school setting.
  + The COP vendor should ensure that all providers are required to attend the COP meetings to ensure quality and appropriate implementation of the PH Model.  This might include pre-application consultation calls (with providers and COP potential vendors.
* Keep abreast of School Mental Health initiatives outside of current scope
  + Possible idea is to compile a comprehensive list of programming (such as art, case management, mentoring, prevention programs, etc.) that the Providers might engage to deliver some of the Tier 1 work in a subcontractual manner. There may be an initial list of programs that DBH has (grantees?). Perhaps start a google doc that people can add to and put out a press release or engage them directly.
  + Outreach to those initiatives
  + Coordination
* Recommendations of organizations to bring to the fold
  + Reaching out and incentivizing FQHCs and more established  providers for children and youth - even if they are not based in DC but have experience proving children's mental health in schools, would be a strong start towards ensuring there is capacity to meet our goals for year 1 and beyond.
  + Ideas are:  Unity Health Care, Community of Hope, Maryland Family Resources, LAYC, Georgetown Medstar.
* Trainings – first place to start as far as training for providers in clinical work in schools is SSWA - local chapter led by Ms. Tia Brumstead.  There are so many training locally, another google doc might help catalogue them - but we'd need to be more specific as to what types of training we are seeking - clinical?  school related?
  + Dr. Schumacher will catalogue available trainings
* Tools to support Implementation Plan – Dr. Doe will gather tools or instruments that would support the selection/refinement for the school’s implementation plan. These may include tools that committee members are aware of or use within their respective organizations (i.e., need assessments, agreement samples, screening instruments, etc.).

**Scheduling Next Meeting:**

Given the limited availability of members during the week of July 4th, committees will meet in person or via email correspondences next week. We will seek to schedule the next Coordinating Council meeting the week of 7/16/18 – 7/20/18.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM**

Any comments regarding these meeting minutes may be sent to Charneta C. Scott at [charneta.scott@dc.gov](mailto:charneta.scott@dc.gov)