

Meeting Summary Hampton  
HNN – CSB, Hampton, Virginia  
June 24, 2015

Present:

Deborah Moore – Hampton Health Department

Anne Whitaker - HNN CSB

Eva Stitt – DBHDS

### **Summary**

Eva presented a sample Refugee Wellness Partnership Framework to show areas of collaboration between agencies. The descriptions of each independent group – Refugee Dialogue Group, Hampton Roads Mental Health Council, and DBHDS – are defined and the areas of collaboration will be established later when the council convenes.

The other framework presented is the Virginia Healing Partnership which shows the role of the Refugee Resettlement Agency, the Virginia Department of Health, and the Community Services Board plus the behavioral health providers in the refugee mental health initiative.

The refugee mental health council oversees the mental health referral system. Using a sample Mental Health Referral Chart, the group discussed the importance of having a visual guide that lists down the community partners and where to refer clients based on certain situations.

The last presentation was about the Multi-Tiered Model adapted by the Virginia Healing Partnership that shows the different tiers of mental health services in relation to the different interventions. Eva pointed out on-going activities that support the initiative.

Anne and Deborah believe that the establishment of the refugee mental health council and the mental health referral system can address current and future needs of refugees resettled in this area.

### **Action Plan**

1. Deborah is the leader of the Health and Mental Health Focus Group, a sub group of the Refugee Dialogue. She will check possibility of her clinical manager to join the mental health council. She will check with Jill Grumbine about RHS-15 and the role of the health department in the refugee mental health referral system.
2. Anne Whitaker will study how refugee mental health can be incorporated into the current System. Eva will connect her with Cecily Rodriguez for more detailed information about CSBs role in the mental health referral system.
3. Eva provided names of organizations and contact persons who are willing to be part of the HRMHC. She will also contact people and organizations who can be possible community support partners.
4. Eva will support the establishment of Hampton Roads Mental Health Council. Deborah and Anne will further discuss about leadership and identification of support partners in the locality. Possibly identify the right contact for Sentara RMH and Riverside Hospital.

5. Deborah and Anne will meet the participants from Hampton Roads during lunch at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Refugee Mental Health summit for familiarization and brief discussion about the next steps.