

Behavioral Health Advisory Council

5001 Twin Hickory Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23059

December 2, 2015

I. Attendance

Present: Jane Ellis, Amanda Rode, Larry Almarode, Anne Edgerton, Bonnie Neighbour, Rhonda Thissen, Lynn DelaMer, Ron Pritchard, Heather Seaman, Rita Girard, Sherry Confer, Lynn Lull, Robin Hairfield, Catherine Harrison, Katharine Hunter, Margaret Anne Lane, Dev Nair, Kathleen Levenston, Ron Pritchard, Betsy Lalla, Livia Jansen.

Absent: Patricia Parham, William Williams, David Conley, Denise Thomas-Brown, Jenny Heilborn, William Hart, Becky Sterling, Lee Peebles.

II. Guests

Sarah Rudden, Karen Kallay, Valerie Murphy, Mike Olsen, Shamika Campbell.

III. Opening of Business

President Jane Ellis called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

IV. Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment

Went around the room and made introductions. Lynn Lull updated the Council about the positive things happening at her peer-run drop in center; Hope In Motion. Sherry Confer from DMAS mentioned that the re-enrollment process for the GAP project is starting. Robin Hairfield announced that her peer-run drop in center had their nine year anniversary on November 17th. Anne Edgerton announced Mental Health Advocacy Day on January 27th; the event is being organized by MHAV, NAMI, VOCAL, and Campaign for Children's Mental Health.

V. Approval of Minutes

Ron Pritchard motioned to accept the minutes from the August and October meetings as written. Lynn DelaMer seconded. The minutes were approved.

VI. DBHDS Update

Mike Olsen from the Office of Behavioral Health and Wellness announced they are in the process of hiring someone to do suicide prevention.

Rhonda mentioned DBHDS received formal notification from SAMHSA for the Certified Behavioral Health Clinic two year planning grant. DBHDS was also awarded a grant from SAMHSA to do outreach to homeless individuals. The grant requires that 100% of the individuals involved would obtain housing. Sherry Confer added that DMAS was involved in the process for this grant and they included GAP in their application. Rhonda also mentioned that The Office of Recovery Services hired a new person to help Becky Sterling with the development of a core curriculum that would include train the trainer for Peer Specialist trainings. There is also discussion about extending the grandfathering period for Peer Support Specialists to get certified. It was officially announced that MHAV was awarded the grant for BHAC administration. There was some discussion about the mental health block grant that MHAV applied for, the Department hopes to have the decision made before the end of the year.

VII. Financial Update

Anne Edgerton presented the financial report. There was a discussion about what to do with remaining funds. A finance committee was formed; Anne Edgerton, Lynn DelaMer Rhonda Thissen, and Robin Hairfield. Lynn DelaMer motioned to transfer leftover funds from this meeting to the travel category for next year. Ron seconded; motion was approved.

VIII. Elections

Rita Girard volunteered to head the nominations. The Bylaws for officer duties were read out loud. Amanda Rode was the only candidate for President. Lynn Lull was the only candidate for Vice President. Robin Hairfield nominated herself and Ron Pritchard was nominated by Larry Almarode for Secretary.

Lynn DelaMer motioned to accept Amanda Rode as President and Lynn Lull as Vice President, Larry seconded; motion approved.

Robin and Ron each had a few minutes to explain why they want to serve as Secretary. They left the room; Robin was voted for Secretary by ballot.

IX. Anti-Stigma Campaign Discussion

Ron Pritchard proposed a topic for anti-stigma campaign for next year; develop a stigma initiative that would have individuals role playing situations or certain behaviors that are commonly stigmatized.

X. Adjournment

Ron moved to adjourn; Larry seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.