

# Behavioral Health Advisory Council

2104 W. Laburnum Ave

Richmond, VA 23227

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

## I. Attendance

Present: Katharine Hunter, Livia Jansen, Margaret Anne Lane, Kathleen Levenston, Anne Edgerton, Stephany Melton-Hardison, Bonnie Neighbour, Larry Almarode, Becky Sterling, Jane Ellis, Betsy Lalla, Lynn DelaMer, Amanda Rode, Heather Seaman

Absent: Sherry Confer, Catharine Harrison, Rhonda Thissen, Susan D. Williams, William Williams, Anthony Duncan, Lisa Moore, Ron Pritchard, Jan Brown, Kati Dean, Cheryl Ann Bowman, Stephen Dawe, Elizabeth Drapen, Lauren Ball, Tammy Farmer, Shannon Haworth, Mary Aab, Shatada Floyd-White

## II. Guests

Sarah Rudden, Jim Martinez, Mellie Randall

## III. Opening of Business

Jane Ellis called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

## IV. Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment

Introductions were made around the room. No public comment.

## V. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There was no quorum, the minutes for August and October and December will be voted on at the next Council meeting.

## VI. Financial Update

Anne Edgerton gave the financial update for the Council. There is still funding for Council members to attend conferences this year. There were no questions or comments from Council members about the finances.

VII. Block Grant Presentations

Mellie Randall, Director DBHDS Office of Substance Abuse Services presented on the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant. (powerpoint attached)

Jim Martinez, Director DBHDS Office of Mental Health Services presented on the Mental Health Block Grant and the Behavioral Health Advisory Council history. (powerpoint attached)

VIII. Discussion for the Coming Year

Council members worked through lunch and discussed the direction of the Council over the coming year. Council members collectively came up with five topics to focus on which are: stigma reduction, community transition for adults and children, timely access to appropriate services, prevention, and alternatives in services. For the next meeting it was decided that the members would read the "Good and Modern System" document by SAMHSA, and have a discussion comparing it to Virginia's current status. Also at the next meeting there will be a thirty minute presentation on Emotional CPR (eCPR), and Gail Taylor (DBHDS) will be invited to come speak about prevention.

IX. Committee Meetings

No committee meeting were held.

X. Adjournment

Adjourned at 2:25.