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**10/21/2022**

**Mental Health Block Grant Planning Council Minutes**

**\*\*FINAL\*\***

**Present Members:**  Marla Simpson (Chair)  Dan Towle (he/him)  Alice Maynard  C Rubin  Cinn Smith  Laurie Emerson (NAMI)  
 Laurie Mulhern  Daniel Blankenship

**Vermont Care Partners/DAs/SSAs:**  Dillon Burns  Julie Tessler  Michael Hartman

**DMH:**  Eva Dayon (they/them)  Steve DeVoe (he/him)  Trish Singer (she/her)  Nicole DiStasio (they/she)  Anne Rich  Joanne Crawford  Brian Smith  Karen Barber

**State of Vermont:**  Heather Bouchey (AOE)  Danielle Bragg (DVHA)  Diane Dalmasse (DAIL)  Victoria Hudson (DCF)  Annie Ramniceanu (DOC)  Emily Trutor (she/her; VDH DSUP)

**Public:** Joe Lord – Eden Valley

**Agenda**

- 1:00 Introductions and Member Updates
- 1:45 Review September 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 1:50 MHBG Updates
- 2:05 MHBG PC Annual Review of Initiatives
- 2:45 Public Comment
- 2:50 Meeting Wrap-up and Closing Comments
- 3:00 Adjournment

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Agenda Item	Facilitator/Timekeeper: Steve DeVoe; Minutes: Joanne Crawford
<b>Introductions and Member Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Mental Health Staffing Updates – The department is currently interviewing for the Assistant Director of Quality position. Hoping to have a decision on the candidate by Monday.</li> <li>• Member Updates – Alice Maynard is resigning from the Council on 12/31/22. Victoria Hudson is leaving the Department of Children and Families, so she won't be able to fill the social services role for this group any longer, but she will remain on the Council. Steve has reached out to the Department of Children and Families for someone else who might want to fill that role. Laurie will send Steve contact info for Beth Sausville who can fill the state social services role. SAMSHA requires there to be someone in the group who is from a housing authority, so Daniel Blankenship is going to be joining the group</li> <li>• Recruitment – Steve is looking into the guidelines around bringing on new members to this group.</li> <li>• Membership Roster Review – Steve shared the membership roster with the group and will email it out to the group after the meeting. The membership needs to be made up of no more than 50% state employees. He would like to share on the Department of Mental Health website.</li> </ul>
<b>Review September 2022 Meeting Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is not a quorum of members today, so Steve tabled the review and approval of the minutes until the next meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>MHBG Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHBG Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) Supplemental Award – We received notify regarding the award at the end of July. It is part of the community MHBG process. It is another supplemental award for \$138,656. It is focused on MH emergency preparedness and response. There are required set asides. Need more guidance from SAMSHA. It is more focused on planning and development of collaboration and coordination of mental health providers but also law enforcement, judicial systems, fire departments, emergency medical services, public health agencies and local agencies like community health centers. Do not want to duplicate other initiatives already in place. It was suggested that there be police training. Some suggestions were looking into Team Two or speaking with Dee Barbic and Mourning Fox. Need to have a plan for SAMSHA and it is due December1, 2022. Steve is working on plan that he can share with the group so they can provide feedback.</li> <li>• FFY 2023 Vermont MHBG Mini-Application Update – Steve submitted this to SAMSHA, and it has been approved by SAMSHA. The application has been posted on the DMH website - <a href="https://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/about-us/boards-and-committees/state-mental-health-block-grant">https://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/about-us/boards-and-committees/state-mental-health-block-grant</a>.</li> <li>• Steve has not been able to find the final report for the 2016 audit.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHBG COVID Supplemental Award and No Cost Extension Revisions – The supplemental award of \$1.4 million needs to be spent by March 14, 2023, but that is not going to happen so Steve applied for a no cost extension which would set the deadline as March 14, 2024.</li> <li>• MHBG Implementation Report (due on 12/1/2022) – Steve is hoping to have this drafted in the next couple of weeks and send out to the group to review and provide feedback.</li> </ul>
<b>MHBG PC Annual Review of Initiatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ranking Funding Priorities, Assessing Financials (e.g., Invoicing), Performance/Outcome Measures – It was suggested that a list of questions be created to assess the work being done and come up with outcomes. There needs to be a standardized way in which DMH requests outcomes from the receiving organizations. Need to ensure that we do not add undue burden on the organizations to provide reporting. The group will wait to come up with questions until the next meeting. Steve will send out a prompt to the group around coming up with questions for the next meeting.</li> <li>• Development of Standardized Questions for Annual Reporting Template – Steve is working with the Maven group to work on templates that will assist with reporting on outcomes, providing regular updates, etc.</li> <li>• There has been trouble getting invoices from organizations. How does DMH access that work is being done and the organization will be able to meet the deliverables.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.
<b>Meeting Wrap-up/Closing</b>	The meeting was adjourned
<b>Adjournment</b>	Alice made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Daniel seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. Adjourned at 2:21