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**11/17/2023**

**Mental Health Block Grant Planning Council Minutes**

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

**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  Karen Barber  Laura Flint  Carolyn McBain  Tom Coleman (DMH Contractor)

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

**Public:**  David Silverberg

**Agenda**

- 1:00 Introductions
- 1:10 Review October 2023 Meeting Minutes
- 1:15 MHBG and Planning Council Updates
- 1:25 Public Comment
- 1:30 Adjourn

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<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Facilitator/Timekeeper: Steve DeVoe; Minutes: Joanne Crawford</b>
<b>Introductions</b>	Brief member introductions
<b>Review October 2023 Meeting Minutes</b>	A motion was made by Dan Towle to approve the minutes and Victoria Hudson seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.
<b>MHBG and Planning Council Updates</b>	<p>The FFY 2024-2025 application revisions were submitted. Awaiting final approval from SAMHSA.</p> <p>Discussion about making MHBG Planning Council work more relevant to its members, which may involve more subcommittee work.</p> <p>Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) Program update for First Episode Psychosis/Early Serious Mental Illness (FEP/ESMI; 10% Set Asides for each MHBG award): DMH continues to move forward with planning for CSC program implementation. This implementation involves 3 phases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community and stakeholder engagement, including soliciting input and providing education about CSCs</li> <li>2. Research and evaluation: conducting retrospective analyses on incidence of First Episode Psychosis in Vermont</li> <li>3. CSC program implementation, which will initially involve planning and development</li> </ol>
<b>Public Comment</b>	David Silverberg commented that he is excited about the CSC gaining attention in Vermont and being implemented as a program in the near future.
<b>Adjourn</b>	Cinn Smith made a motion to adjourn, and Laurie Mulhern seconded. Vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 pm.