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**9/20/2024**

**Mental Health Block Grant Planning Council Minutes**

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**Present Members:**  Dan Towle (Chair)  Laurie Mulhern (Vice Chair)  Marla Simpson  Cinn Smith  Laurie Emerson (NAMI)  Kristin Brynga  David Silverberg

**Vermont Care Partners/DAs/SSAs:**  VCP Representative

**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)  Adrienne Wasserman (DMH Contractor)  Megan Shedaker

**State of Vermont:**  AOE Representative  Danielle Bragg (DVHA)  Diane Dalmasse (DAIL)  Victoria Hudson (DFR)  Annie Ramniceanu (DOC)  Emily Trutor (VDH DSUP)  Olivia Gaudreau (DCF)

**Public:**  Sandi Yandow

**Agenda**

- 1:00 Introductions & Membership Discussion
- 1:10 Review May 2024 Meeting Minutes
- 1:15 MHBG and Planning Council Updates
- 2:00 MHBG New Business
- 2:15 Public Comment
- 2:30 Adjourn

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Agenda Item	Facilitator/Timekeeper: Steve DeVoe; Minutes: Joanne Crawford
<b>Introductions and Membership Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introductions</li> <li>● MHBG PC Membership Recruitment (Ongoing)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Always looking for at-large members.</li> <li>○ There was a question about asking a person who represents youth to join the group. The group was supportive of inviting this individual.</li> <li>○ The group is currently missing a housing and education representative. Steve has been connecting with various individuals in a housing role to join but no one has been interested in joining. He has also reached out to someone to fill the education role.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Review May 2024 Meeting Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Draft of May 2024 Minutes</a></li> <li>● Discussion, amendments, approval               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marla made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Danielle seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>MHBG and Planning Council Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SAMSHA MHBG Monitoring Visit               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation of the Vermont Mental Health System of Care on June 7<sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Steve gave a presentation to SAMSHA about the Vermont System of Care. He can share the slide deck with anyone interested in see it.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Debrief on Site Visit on July 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For the third day of the visit went to NCSS to visit their 988 call center. Was a great visit. Then went to Pathways and met with their Associate Director. Discussed their programs that are funded through the Block Grant.</li> <li>▪ SAMSHA requested some documents which Steve has submitted to them. They are drafting a monitoring report. Steve will let this group know when it is ready.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Update on Vermont Open Meeting Law that took effect on July 1               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The new law provides a lot of requirements for committees and board around access to meetings which includes recordings of meetings. The State’s interpretation is that these requirements do not attach to advisory bodies. The MHBG Board is seen as an advisory body.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Vermont’s Coordinated Specialty Care Program – status update</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Vermont is the only state that does not have a Coordinated Specialty Care Program. VT is working on standing a program up but is taking a slow and deliberate approach. Important this program be sustainable.</li><li>○ Vermont Coordinated Specialty Care Conference: <a href="#">Vermont Coordinated Specialty Care Conference   Department of Mental Health</a><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Happening on September 30 in Burlington.</li><li>▪ Pat Deegan, PhD will be presenting in person.</li><li>▪ Lisa Dixon will also be presenting.</li></ul></li><li>○ CSC Implementation Report commissioned by DMH: <a href="#">reportCSC-EEP-2024-Jul-31.pdf(vermont.gov)</a> –<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Vermont had commissioned a report, through the Block Grant.</li><li>▪ It serves as a road map for Vermont in setting up a Coordinated Specialty Care Program that will be sustainable.</li><li>▪ The prevue of the program is meant for any Vermonter who meets the criteria.</li></ul></li><li>○ Review of preliminary retrospective analysis on the incidence of first episode psychosis in Vermont<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The Department of Mental Health (DMH) entered into an agreement with the University of Vermont to do a retrospective analysis on the incident rates of first episode psychosis in Vermont.</li><li>▪ Steve will share those analytics with the group. If anyone has questions, contact Steve.</li><li>▪ There will follow up studies on what happens to those who meant the criteria for first episode psychosis.</li><li>▪ <a href="https://nkhs.org/front-porch-mental-health-urgent-care">https://nkhs.org/front-porch-mental-health-urgent-care</a></li></ul></li><li>● Committee Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Discussion of Committee notes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Advocacy Committee – There are two issue briefs available. The first is an informational brief around the 988 program. The second brief is a general overview of the implications of natural disasters. These will be sent out to the group next week.</li><li>▪ Outreach Committee – Gearing up to do the formal outreach to the State Program Standing Committee for Children and Adults. Recruitment is an objective of this committee.</li><li>▪ Data Performance Committee – A high level simplified data dictionary of different data elements that exist in many agreements. Summary of what is out there for data.</li><li>▪ Excel spreadsheet –A modified planning council roster that provides conditional formatting pivot tables that track the statutory requirement. This will be shared next week.</li><li>▪ Please send out reminders of the subcommittee meetings.</li><li>▪ Mental Health Advocacy Day coming up.</li></ul></li><li>○ Call for Additional Volunteers</li></ul></li></ul>
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<p><b>MHBG New Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vote on MHBG PC Council Charter and Operating Procedures presented at May 2024 meeting               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The group reviewed and discussed the updated Charter and Operating Procedures.</li> <li>○ Some of the language was altered prior to the vote.</li> <li>○ Laurie Emerson made a motion to approve the Planning Council Charter and Operating Procedures. Cinn seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• FFY2025 MHBG application submission               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The mini application which updated the language related to the crisis services system of care and update information on the Planning Council. It has been submitted.</li> <li>○ Also included an application for Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Award, which was approved. It is related to crisis or disaster. The amount of the award is \$140,000.</li> <li>○ Should the group continue to submit a letter with their applications. It is not a requirement, but it is an excellent means of conveying concerns and advocating.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Comment               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No public comment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjourn               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Laure Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:26. Cinn seconded the motion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>