

**New Jersey Behavioral Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes,
September 14, 2016 10:00 A.M.**

Attendees:

Winifred Chain	Bruce Blumenthal (p)	John Pellicane
Harry Coe (p)	Maryanne Evanko	Brenda Sorrentino
Michael Ippoliti (p)	Joseph Gutstein (p)	Ellen Taner
Phillip Lubitz	Damian Petino	Ann Dorocki
Lisa Negron (p)	Barbara Johnston (p)	Ksenia Lebedeva
Judy Baner	Michael Litterer (p)	Pamela Taylor
Darlema Bey	Christopher Lucca	

DMHAS, CSOC & DDD Staff:

Geri Dietrich	Irina Stuchinsky	Yunqing Li
Donna Migliorino	Mark Kruszczyński	Jan Rudder

Guests:

Rachel Morgan (p)	Louann Lukens	Cheri Thompson
Greg Jackson	Bill Cole	Alric Warren
David Drescher	Jeff Martin	Suzanne [illegible](Newpoint)
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Jay Mandy		

- I. **Welcome/Administrative Issues/Announcements**
 - A. Minutes from last meeting (7/13/16) approved.

- II. **Overview of 2016 Block Grant Conference** – Phil Lubitz, Donna Migliorino
 - A. Phil & Donna presented on the BG committee.
 - B. Power Point is available.
 - C. 21 states have FEP programs running as of 2016.
 - D. 226 FEP programs across the country, 35 are state funded.
 - E. Possibly do an FEP in NJ presentation to council in October/November.
 - F. Submitted our 2017 mini application. Can be viewed online.

- III. **Programs and Services of the NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) for SMI and SUD Populations** – Cheri Thompson, Program Planning and Development Specialist 1, NJ DVR
 - A. DVR was founded in 1919, originally to provide support services from veterans of World War I.
 - B. Funded through Federal Department Of Labor.
 - C. DVR provides services to disability related groups, except those who are visually impaired, who are serviced through DHS (Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI)). DVR provides services to consumers with

conditions/impairments that inhibits a person's functional ability to retain a job; DVR we can possibly provide some assistance to them.

- D. All of our counselors are Master's level counselors.
 - E. DVR has 18 offices covering 21 counties. Over 150 counselors that service these offices. We also have rehabilitation aids that provide the support to the counselors.
 - F. Anyone can refer to DVR at www.careerconnections.nj.gov
 - G. Eligibility determined during one on one consultations with DVR counselors.
 - H. Age 22 years or younger and living with family, we use the whole family's income unless they have social security benefits in their own name (not due to loss of parent). If the consumer is over 23 years of age, family income is not a criteria for services.
 - I. DVR provides vocational and college training.
 - J. Once a person is employed for 90 days, case is closed.
 - K. DVR also offer post-employment services.
- IV. **Substance Abuse Outcomes Working Group Report** – Chris Lucca, John Pellicane
- A. Substance Abuse working group met every month January-July. We voted on the most compelling issue.
 - B. We have 23 different members, 7 of which are consumers.
 - C. We put together a report to submit to Planning Council.
 - D. First issue is access to care.
- V. **Review of the Block Grant Fiscal Tables Submitted to SAMHSA in the 2017 Mini Reports** – Laura Pierce-Foglia
- A. Review of Expenditures, can be found on website.
- VI. **Announcements/Closing Comments** – Phil Lubitz
- A. The next general meeting of the Plannign Council will be on 10/12/16 at 10:00 am. There will be a Block Grant Subcommittee next month, 10/12, at 9 a.m., The Data & Outcomes Subcommittee meeting will be at noon on the same date. Both meetings will be in the large conference room on the first floor.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD

October 12, 2016, 10:00 am

First Floor Conference Room (CR 1-100A)