



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Children and Youth Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2024

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Commissioner Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair.

Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt.

The following members or designees were in attendance

Representative Christine Hunschofsky, Subcommittee Chair

Dr. Jay Reeve, Commission Chair (Governor Appointee)

Larry Rein, (Governor Appointee)

Peggy Aune, Subject Matter Expert

Maria Bledsoe, Subject Matter Expert

Patricia Medlock, Subject Matter Expert

Steven Ronik, Subject Matter Expert

Teresa Rulien, Subject Matter Expert

Leslie Lynch, Subject Matter Expert

Commission Update and Review of 2024 Children and Youth Subcommittee Areas of Focus

Commission Chair Jay Reeve provided a brief Commission update while alluding to the positive feedback received regarding the second interim Commission report. This subcommittee shall continue to focus on the school and community provider interface. Subcommittee will also expand its charge to consider child and youth treatment within the community to include Community Action Teams, children's baker act services, outpatient and inpatient options focusing on expansion of treatment options showing positive outcomes. Subcommittee work should be supportive of future recommendations for the next report.

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky identified potential deficiencies within the behavioral health system of care brought to the attention of the Legislature including but not limited to, community resource disparities, mobile response service and crisis stabilization services for youth.

Open Call for Subcommittee Presentations/Speakers

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky requests all Children and Youth subcommittee members receive invites to all Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder subcommittee meetings.

Suggested presentations include:

- The awareness within school systems regarding the availability of behavioral health services and how to access those service. We want to understand why students are going to the emergency room instead of community providers and what can be done to mitigate this so the students are



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receiving the best care possible. The presentation shall cover: the internal structure within the education system for communicating from the district mental health coordinator down to the family as well as the way in which community behavioral health providers interface with schools. (Peggy Aune and Andrew Weatherill to prepare presentation for next meeting).

- Overview from a Community provider perspective presentation regarding the challenges surrounding communication and building relationships with schools. Presentation that address the gap in services during the transition from juvenile mental health services to the adult system. (*Theresa Rulien, Leslie Lynch and Steven Ronik to collaborate on a presentation for next meeting*).
- Presentation from a sample of counties and districts that implemented a successful school and community behavioral health program.

Future Meeting Schedule

Friday, March 15, 2024, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Meetings after March 15, 2024 will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 9:00am – 11:00am est. as follows:

- April 10, 2024
- May 8, 2024
- June 12, 2024
- July 10, 2024
- August 14, 2024

Peggy Aune, Subject Matter Expert will provide the date of the Department of Education's annual behavioral health conference for dissemination to subcommittee members.

Public Comment

No public comment

Closing Remarks

Subcommittee Chair Hunschofsky provided closing remarks.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned approximately 10:05 am.