

SUBCOMMITTEE COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
MINUTES

December 13, 2016

VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING LOCATION:

Conference Call: 888-278-0296 – 1585696 (Access code)

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Valarie Kinnikin, Chair  
Pam Johnson  
Tabitha Johnson  
Lisa Ruiz-Lee

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Dr. Leon Ravin, DPBH

Chair Kinnikin called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. Roll call is reflected above. It was determined that a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

**Discussion and drafting of Behavioral Health Commission's Annual Letter to the Governor**

At this time, there hasn't been any contact made from anyone that contributes to the letter. Chair Kinnikin will forward a copy of the Children's Advocacy Alliance newsletter to Pat Wendell to use and incorporate into letter. It was agreed to review and go item by item from previous letter to the Governor.

**Item #1 - Children's Behavioral Health Services**

Will need to talk to Kevin and get report on service gaps. Ms. P. Johnson will forward an update from October to Ms. Wendell relating to the grant progress.

**Item #2 - Adult Behavioral Health Services**

It was determined to contact Betsy Neighbors for detailed information about progress on the forensic side and each of the hospitals to see if there is anything specific they'd like addressed. Dr. Ravin will work on getting a success story from the Assisted Outpatient treatment program and forward to Kirsten Coulombe.

Item #3 - Workforce Development

It was suggested that they add to the letter that savings from pro bono be used to increase salaries and add licensing board. Ms. Ruiz-Lee will provide information on other committee minutes to Ms. Coulombe. Dr. Ravin will be providing an overview on workforce development relating to medical staff and emailing it to Ms. Coulombe.

Item #4 - Intellectual Developmental Services

Ms. Wendell will get in touch with Dr. Ableser, ADSD Administrator, to obtain program information.

Item #5 – Substance Abuse Treatment/Prevention Services

We will need to get program information from Kyle Devine.

Ms. T. Johnson recommended that Lisa Durette provide insight on workforce development.

Chair Kinnikin informed that in the next meeting there will be a follow up on the items that were addressed in today's meeting. It was agreed that the next subcommittee meeting will be Thursday January 5, 2017 at 1:00pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were received.

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.