

SUBCOMMITTEE COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
MINUTES

January 17, 2019

VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING LOCATION:

Conference Call: 888-636-3807 – 1961091 (Access code)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Tabitha Johnson
Natasha Mosby
Debra Scott
Barbara Jackson

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Dr. Leon Ravin, DPBH
Kristen Rivas, DCFS
Laura Adler, DCFS
Dr. Betsy Neighbors, DPBH
Joseph Filippi, DPBH
Elvira Saldana, DPBH

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am. Roll call is reflected above. It was determined that a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

Discussion and make recommendations for Behavioral Health Commission's Annual Letter to the Governor

Children's Behavioral Health Services

Ms. Rivas stated she could provide information on what has happened in the past regarding the children's side. Ms. Rivas informed there are three regional children's mental health consortiums in statute. There is also a statewide children's mental health consortium not in statute which oversees initiatives and which the regional consortium chairs report to. Every year the regional children's mental health consortiums provide an update on their ten-year plan. The three regions are currently working on completing their updates. The updates from the three consortiums include children's mental health issues, gaps and services and recommendations and are compiled into a report. In the past, the report

has been provided to the Commission and the commissioners have included the information in the letter.

Action: Ms. Rivas and Ms. Adler to provide children's mental health consortium information.

Mr. Filippi reported there are four regional behavioral health policy boards. There is a statute requiring the boards to submit an annual report to the Commission. The reports summarize regional needs and concerns and possible solutions for the regions. The annual letter to the Governor requires to send updates from the regional behavioral health policy boards.

Ms. Rivas stated many of the children's mental health consortium members are part of the regional behavioral health policy boards. The information has been exchanged throughout the whole initiative of putting together the reports for the health policy boards and it has been a great collaboration.

Adult Behavioral Health Services

Action: Dr. Neighbors will provide a report including recommendations and a summary of concerns for the forensics program.

Substance Abuse Treatment/Prevention Services

Ms. Scott inquired on who would provide information on substance abuse treatment/prevention services.

Action: Request Substance Abuse, Prevention and Treatment Agency to provide information.

Workforce Development

Ms. Mosby inquired on who the Commission could reach out to get an update on workforce development.

Action: Dr. Ravin will gather information on recruitment for psychiatrists, mid-level providers, APRN's, and PA's. Ms. Mosby will provide an update on social work. Ms. Scott will provide information on nursing. Dr. Neighbors will provide information on psychology.

Ms. Jackson inquired on who would provide information on problem gambling and suicide.

Ms. Scott stated she would reach out to Misty Allen to obtain suicide information.

Mr. Filippi will provide the regional behavioral health policy board annual reports to the subcommittee members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.