

LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY **BI-MONTHLY PROVIDER MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 21, 2024

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Facilitator: LBHA- Local Behavioral Health Authority

In Attendance

Andrea McDonald-Fingland, Kristy Kidwell, Katie Dorsey, Sarah Bailey, Kimberly Shoe, Jamie Kane, Elisha Johnson, Molly Young, Tanika Wilson, Becky Sweeney, David Winkler, Diana Adams, Gregory Holtz, Nikki D Angelo, Lisa Connors, Emily Patterson, Advantage Psychiatric services, Janeen Collison, Denise Dickerson, Ashley Alhambra, Meredith Drumm, Diamond Jones, Robert Gallagher.

Introductions

- LBHA Staff Introductions

LBHA Updates

- Andrea McDonald-Fingland

- o [MA Provider Compliance Alert](#)

Question- Providing clients with funds for off site activities.

We will seek out more details and an Update will be provided at the next provider meeting

- o [Updated DEA policies on MOUD](#), issues with pharmacy supply please be sure to contact LBHA
- o GAP analyst reminder for registration
- o Keep eyes peeled for RFPs to come

- Katie Wandishin-

- o Bus Pass- as of July 1, 2024, all bus fare will be FREE!
 - Still have 10 rides to hand out until then
- o Funding for C&A camps & afterschool programs, as well as support funds for adults available
 - Must have MH diagnosis and be currently enrolled in PBHS
- o Planning 5k “Shatter the Stigma” in collaboration with the Town of Chesapeake
 - May 18th from 9am-12pm
- o “Be Kind to your Mind” health fair
 - Free giveaways, food, t-shirts, resources, and more

- If you would like to be a vendor and or sign up for the race, please register (fliers will be sent out after meeting)
- We are looking for a few volunteers if anyone would like to be of service
- Planning Recovery Fest
 - Save the date: September 7th at Annmarie Garden
 - More to come; vendor sign up will begin in May!

- **Sarah Bailey** -

- Pathways has immediate openings for their community supports TAY program.
 - The program serves individuals between the ages of 16-25.
- Comfort Bags have been a huge hit again this year! So far we've gotten requests for 179 out of 200 bags! We only have 21 bags not spoken for so request some before it's too late!
 - Comfort Bags request form link:
<https://forms.gle/ZjyzfKhJqGh7Ex4HA>
- The LBHA still has COVID-19 Mitigation Supplies available for Behavioral Health Providers. We've also recently added personal "To-go" Kits for providers! Supplies can be requested using this form:
 - COVID-19 Mitigation Supplies request form:
<https://forms.gle/DyaV9zm3gyusHe1SA>
- We're excited to announce that the LBHA is implementing a Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness Art Contest for CCPS students K-12! The winning submission will be turned into a logo to put on outreach items and posters for the schools/community!
- The LBHA offers presentations on different topics, such as the C&A supportive BH services, Hub and Spoke, and how to apply for Consumer Support Funds. Use this link to sign up for a presentation!
- LBHA Presentations Sign-up form:
<https://forms.gle/vTRSa4CuJvy83EuW8>

- **Jayla Jones**

- Hub and Spoke
 - We currently have 2 Spokes and potentially 1 additional Spoke (located at high, middle, and low end of the county). We have recently enrolled one client into the program who is receiving care coordination services through LBHA.
- BUP Initiative
 - We successfully held Dinner for Docs, on March 7th which involved a training on Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

(MOUD) provided by MACS. With 13 in attendance (not counting staff), providers were from throughout the county including private practices, mental health services, gynecology health, and the emergency department.

- We still have funds available for reimbursement for BUP scripts (contact jaylam.jones@maryland.gov to send requests)
- MOUD Testimonials
 - We are actively looking for volunteers to film testimonials, in August, who have a history with MOUD or are currently on MOUD. If you know someone, please send them my way (to jaylam.jones@maryland.gov)
- **Kimberly Suarez**- (presented by Sarah Bailey)
 - RRP - currently has 2 Intensive vacancies, we have referrals under review, but we are always taking referrals for our waitlist. We also anticipate 2 general openings by next month as well.
 - Homeless essentials - We currently have essential items for the unhoused population, we have items like tents, sleeping bags, solar charging banks for phones, socks, thermal clothes, towels, hygiene kits and much more. A behavioral health provider must place the order, the flier will be shared, and it has the link to place an order, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.
- **Derek Adams** -
 - LEAD
 - We are currently fine tuning our documentation for individuals within the program. We are steadily preparing print materials for all stages of the program to have the same marketing voice that is easy and understandable. The Policy and Procedure work group has been meeting for the last four Months. This group is made up of key stakeholders around the county and they are meeting regularly to finalize key policies for the program to run successfully. I am attending several training sessions to become skilled in harm reduction, case management, and motivational interviewing.

Poison Prevention with Psychiatric Medication Presentation- (Emily Paterson, MPH, CHES)

- National Poison Prevention week
 - o Emily presented and reviewed a power point on Poison Center services.
 - o Call 911 or 1-800 222-1222 (Poison Help) Nationwide.
 - o Sat April 27th 10 – 2pm National Take Back Medication Day, Check the DEA website for your area. For Calvert County CASSA hosts the drug take back day, please visit their website for more details.
 - o mdpoison.com-
 - o You can order stickers, magnets and/or free info packet directly from the website.
- Q-Do you come out to events?
 - A- There is a request form to have someone attend. (If there are staff available)

Provider Updates/Discussion-

- Dr Lisa Connors – (ROPTA) Free MH first aid for adults and adolescents.
- Diamond (Pathways – Accepting referrals for and ne case manager starting
- Gregory – program groundwork is happening and accepting referrals.
- Janeen Collison – Accepting referrals for Support employment, IHIP 2 and all services. Currently have 2 intensive beds and 2 general beds available.

Adjourn

Thank you all for attending.

Next Provider Meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Kidwell