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Calvert County Local Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council Meeting Minutes August 11, 2021

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andrea McDonald-Fingland, Katie Wandishin, Kristy Kidwell, Betsy VanAuker, Megan Sarikaya, Lisa Thomas, Lauren Joeckel, Cheryl Harms, Danielle Johnson, Doris McDonald, Thomas Reece, Cynthia Scrivner, Noelle Flaherty, Candice D'Agostino, Kara Harrer, Danielle Russell, Ariane Odom, Anita Ray, Josh Underwood.

I. Introductions/ Roll Call

- Andrea completed roll call, Attendance was taken.
- Meeting Called to order
 - 1st Cheryl Harms
 - 2nd Betsy VanAuker
- April Meeting Minutes approval
 - Motion to Approve (As written)
 - 1st Cheryl harms
 - 2nd Noelle Flaherty
 - 0-Nays, 0- Stays, All in favor-(Unanimous)

II. LBHA Updates:

➤ Andrea McDonald-Fingland-

- Monitoring most of the criminal Justice grants, most of which have been heavily Impacted by COVID-19. A lot of the Court services and Detention centers services had very limited access to clients and were at some point not being offered. Everything is back up and running to a pretty decent extent at this point, but only the past few months and towards the end of the FY.
 - States Attorney Liaison- Contract and implementation was put into place right before COVID-19 pandemic entered the U.S. Due to

that this service was not able to get the lift off that it really needed, but has been up and running for the past few months, and has served 2 individuals. They Work closely with our Court Assessors

- MH Court Assessor – Interviewed 66 Individuals in FY21, 57 of them were then referred on to Community Mental Health programs.
- SU/Court Assessor- assessed 40 Individuals for potential Diversion during the FY21 period. 38 of those Individuals were deemed appropriate for diversion.
- Detention center treatment services – 66 referrals were received by the program, all66 of those individuals were enrolled in treatment services throughout the detention center.
- S.T.O.P.- Provides Services within the Detention Center as well. Year to date total, Total inmates assessed for Behavioral health disorders was 1,143 Individuals. Of those Individuals 46% of the Individuals who were assessed, received co-occurring treatment during the FY21 period. 40% of those Individuals were then transitioned to treatment services upon release from the detention center. Only 3% of individuals who were transitioned into treatment were reincarcerated upon their release. This program also provides case management in the Hospital Emergency Department. In FY21, 241 individuals received case management services for Behavioral Health disorders in the Emergency room. 73 referrals were made to community based behavioral Health services. There were 5 referrals to MAT (medication assisted treatment) and a total of 105 new referrals for that reporting period.
- MCCJTP- 68 Individuals were referred to this program, which provides MH treatment, Case management, group and Individual therapy, MH screening and assessment. Also provides referrals to community services
- Senior Mental Health Outreach- Seen 14 new Individuals, during FY21 and 95 recurrent clients were seen. They provided a total of 418 services with 0 group services during FY21 due to COVID.

- On Behalf of everyone at LBHA, We would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our vendors for an Outstanding Job, Hard work and Dedication during the trials and tribulations of COVID.

➤ **Katie Wandishin**

- **Reminders:**

- Looking for volunteers who are in recovery from SUD and/or MH, to do a testimonial for Social media Campaign.
- Hub and Spoke BUP 102 Training on September 21, 2021 from 12-1pm
- Community Conversations Event on September 30, 2021 from 5-7 pm
- for individuals with SUD; target audience is Calvert County residents.

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- LBHA has Consumer support Funds available for Adults, Children and Adolescents.
 - Last resort funding, Consumer needs to attempt 3 other resources before applying.
 - Funds are used to help with Medication, Medical/dental, transportation.
 - Must be a Calvert County resident
- LBHA also has funds available to reimburse community physicians for becoming Data 2000 Waiver Certified and any implementation costs associated with becoming a SPOKE for the CAPE Calvert project.
- BUP funds available to cover medication costs, for those uninsured/underinsured.
- **STAT Updates: (Most Grants Met their PMs Over FY21)**
 - On Our Own of Calvert- 2 Grants performed well and hit most of there PMs, despite effects of COVID- 19. They were Highlighted in our Summer Newsletter.
 - Adolescent Clubhouse – Officially opening in its physical location this month. They started offering virtual sessions in May and our ready to offer in-person services. No referrals yet, EJYC is doing outreach to gain interest.
 - Hub & Spoke- Started operating in February; Still in implementation phase; They have been able to enroll a new SPOKE and hosted 2 BUP 101 trainings, In June and July, with 2 more scheduled for August and September. Two Data Waiver 2000 reimbursement requests for physicians received.
 - Oxford House- Is focusing all efforts on opening 3 new houses under SOR II funding, they currently have 2 houses under contract in Chesapeake Beach (1 for men 1 for women) Women’s house should be opening in the upcoming month.
 - TCA- Started bac up in February and has steady referrals coming in.
 - SOR II Grants- Struggled to meet PMs – mostly due to COVID-19 and staff shortages. Met with vendors to discuss needs for improvement this year.

24- Hour Helplines 410-535-1121 / 301-855-1075

Person with a hearing impairment – Call Maryland Relay Service at 1-800-735-2258

- LBHA has not received many requests for supportive funds this year.
- RRP- New Process in place; Currently 1 open bed in General and intensive bed is offline. New home was purchased to open and are currently waiting on Inspections, CARF etc. to open and to put the offline bed back online.
- LBHA has available Bus passes for anyone in PBHS- There is a new process in place to obtain \$20 passes; Must fill out CSF application.

➤ **Bus Passes:**

- New process for \$20 bus passes. Must fill out a CSF application. Up to 3 months' worth of passes can be requested per application. Eligibility requirements: Must be enrolled in PHBS, provide MA transportation denial Letter, and a copy of treatment plan, to show a bus pass will help the individual meet their treatment goals. Must be a Calvert County resident.
- There are a few openings for the quarterly passes. LBHA would need a letter from provider stating the individual needs a pass to meet their treatment goals and must attend at least one appointment per month to stay on the list.

III. Workgroup updates:

- Messaging workgroup last met on 7/8/21.
- Reviewed summer newsletter and added Local Provider upcoming events.
- Discussed a shared calendar we are putting together to help advertise upcoming events for providers in Calvert County.
- Discussed our Communication Strategic Plan goal of planning 4 Town Hall events this fiscal year.
 - First one will be September 30, 2021 from 5-7pm, offered virtually
 - Committee assisted LBHA in determining the panelists and help with the name "Community Conversations: Calvert County's Innovations on Addressing Substance Use Disorders".
 - CalvertHealth and CASA agreed to volunteer at events.
 - Workgroup is still working out the details on the 3 events to be planned in person. Another Meeting will be scheduled this month, if need be, prior to the usual Meeting in September to finalize details.
- By-Laws- Are Currently at BHA, awaiting approval.

IV. Council Member updates:

- Lisa Thomas (Parole & Probation) – Narcan training, Meeting scheduled to answers any questions.

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- Cheryl Harms (DSS)- Struggling with the new System, A lot of challenges. All redeterminations have been extended again.
- Danielle Johnson (OOO)- Back to normal Hours of: M-F 8 to 4pm and transportation hours are: Housed- M-W F 8-1:30pm. Unhoused Tues/Th- 8 to 1:30pm

Reminder to All-

***Please get your Member applications complete and submitted ***

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion to Adjourn

1st- Betsy VanAuker

2nd Cindy Scrivner

All in Favor – 0-nays- 0-stays- Unanimous

- **Next LDAAC Meeting – October 13, 2021 from 12pm-2pm**

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kristy Kidwell*