



Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services



**SOC Expansion Advisory Team Meeting
August 14, 2019
Virginia Tech Richmond Center
1-4pm**

Meeting began at 1:05pm and started with introductions and celebrations

Participants

Pam Fisher
Cristy Corbin
Krista Johnson
Nancy Fowler
Patrice Beard
Robin Church
Laura May
Amanda Long
Julie Rivnak-McAdams
Sayyeda Hall

Commonly used Acronyms:

- DBHDS: Dpt. Of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- FSP: Family Support Partner
- HFW: High Fidelity Wraparound
- PRS: Peer Recovery Specialist
- SOC: System(s) of Care

Phone Participants

Dawn Hudgins
Tony Davis
Tanisha Johnson

Review of minutes from last meeting by group. Minutes were approved by a supermajority consensus and will become official record.

Announcements

- Pam Fisher, SOC Project Director, DBHDS announced that Bernadette Knight, VMAP Coordinator at DBHDS would not be able to present today as she needed to facilitate training in Southwest VA. Pam will ask her if she can present at the December meeting since the October meeting agenda is already set.
- Pam announced that she and Cristy Corbin, SOC State Family Lead, have been attending the STEP VA Peer and Family Support Services workgroup. The group has been recently working on trying to identify measures for peer and family support work in VA. Pam asked participants what they felt should be measured and what data do we already have through CCS3 at DBHDS, DLA20. She asked if participants already measure anything around peer services and if they do what do they measure? Region Ten CSB stated they use the CANS measures and the CMHI data related to the SOC grant. New River Valley CSB also said they only use the data required by the SOC grant.
- Cristy announced that another peer recovery specialist training for certification was going to be held September 30, 2019 through October 11, 2019 in Northern VA. Also, the NAMI Virginia State Conference Registration is open at the below link. The conference will be held October 26-27.
<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07egfk012ia478bd55&llr=9jhggocab>



Overview of Current State Initiatives/Potential SOC Engagement

Presentation: *Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Kinship Care, Laura Reed/ Virginia DSS*

- Overview of FFPSA: Passing of the Act means that money can be used on foster care prevention services instead of foster care and out of home placements. Currently, there is a delay to implement the Act until July 2020; implemented by Administration for Children and Families (ACF); Virginia is 1 of 17 states going forward with implementation; there is no income threshold for prevention services; must be DSS involvement; states can define trauma informed and feds will define EBP; ABT Associates received contract to implement the IV-E Clearinghouse; there are 7 approved EBPs in the Clearinghouse currently. The Clearinghouse can be found here: <https://preventionservices.abtsites.com/>
- Kinship Navigator Programs: mostly in Northern Virginia; national statistics show that 40% of foster care youth placed in kinship care whereas only 5% in Virginia; there are six Kinship Navigator programs in Virginia using Children's Bureau funding to support them that have served 350 families since October 2018.
- Slide Deck and Flyer/Rack Card for Kinship Navigator Programs will be sent to participants after this meeting.
- The flyer/rack card only has five programs on it because the Smyth County program was not up and running when these were printed. Here is the contact information for the Smyth County Program:

Smyth County Department of Social Services (Serving: Wythe, Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Grayson, Montgomery, Radford, Washington, City of Galax)
121 Bagley Cir # 200, Marion, VA 24354
(276) 783-8148
Kinship Navigator: Amanda Romans
- Link to the Virginia Family First website is at <http://familyfirstvirginia.com/>
- Contact Elizabeth Lee at elizabeth.lee@dss.virginia.gov for further information about Family First or the Kinship Navigator Program

Please Mark Your Calendars for these Future Meeting Dates

- ***Wednesday, October 9, 1pm-4pm***
- ***Wednesday, December 11, 1pm-4pm***

All meetings will be held at the Virginia Tech Richmond Center.

Minutes by Krista Johnson & Pam Fisher



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