



System of Care (SOC) Expansion Advisory Team Meeting Agenda

October 9, 2019 1pm-4pm

Virginia Tech Richmond Center- 2810 N Parham Rd Suite #300 Richmond, VA

Participants

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

Head Start Overview- Dawn Ault, Executive Director, Virginia Head Start Association

- Dawn's handouts and contact information will be sent out. Head start is a private nonprofit. The 10 core components of head start are listed on the handout. Head Start started in 1965. It is a federal to local model where localities do a needs assessment and then apply for grants. 1/3 of programs are in schools. 1/3 are in community action programs. 1/3 are stand-alone programs. There is shared governance; every program has to have a PTA like structure that is composed of 51% parents. Head Start is prenatal to 5 years old. Each family has a home visitor.



Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services



- The number one reason people get out of poverty is relationships. There is a culture of understanding where teachers can send information in the family's home language and even speak the language in the classroom. Three factors of eligibility are age, income, and categorical status. The waiting list is based on need, not first come first serve. Executive directive from Governor Ralph Northam is in the works to streamline the process, increase funding, and increase Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI). How to find a Head Start Program in Virginia is listed on the handout.

Current Statewide Mental Health Initiatives in Schools- *Martha Montgomery, VA Department of Education*

- Martha's PowerPoint will be sent out. Localities in different school divisions decide what they are going to do in schools regarding mental health. The Office of Student Services provides technical assistance to school-based behavioral health providers. 80% of School Counselors time has to be dedicated to student care now. Specialized Instruction Student Support (SISP) Staff includes school counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers. School Psychologists, Social Workers, and Nurses are not provided any staffing recommendations by the Standards of Quality.
- Virginia Tiered Systems of Supports (VTSS) is a decision making framework for establishing the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional supports needed for the school to be an effective learning environment. 7835 school-aged youth have been linked to a mental health service. The Virginia Community School Framework includes emotional and mental health needs, basic needs, and family and community engagement. Key elements are addressing the root cause, maps/resources, and shared leadership. The whole community is working together to solve these issues.

STEP VA-System Transformation Excellence and Performance, *Nina Marino, DBHDS*

- Services improve access, increase quality, build consistency and strengthen accountability across Virginia's public mental health system. 9 core services that we want to have at every CSB. DLA20 is used at CSBs for the same day access aspect. First 4 steps are either funded or partially funded. Funding is being requested for the remaining steps.

Behavioral Health Redesign, *Alyssa Ward, DMAS & Nina Marino*

- The vision is to have more equitable services available. Since May 2019 there have been stakeholder implementation workgroups, a mercer rate study and fiscal impact analysis, and interagency prioritization and alignment efforts. Six top priorities have been identified that are high intensity and evidence based. Behavioral Health Redesign provides alternatives to state psychiatric admissions and has been shown to demonstrate cost efficiency and value in other states.



Strategic Planning/Next Steps/Engagement with State Initiatives

- Cristy suggested we use public/private partnerships on SOC Steering Committees as a way to engage families to support the Behavioral Health Redesign and STEP VA. Also, to use family voice and stories with legislators to promote High Fidelity Wraparound and Family Support Partners.
- Pam suggested that a good time to target actions with legislators would be after the Governor's Budget is announced. Also partnering with Martha to bring grant regions into the Suicide Prevention Initiative through regional presentations by DOE.
- If there are other state initiatives that we have not heard from yet, please email Pam and we can try to set up presentations. December we plan to have the Virginia Wraparound Implementation Center and Virginia Medical Assistance Program present
- Family members please continue to come to meetings or participate by phone!

Please Mark Your Calendars for these Future Meeting Dates

Wednesday, December 11, 1pm-4pm

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

Minutes by Krista Johnson