

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES COUNCIL

Virtual Meeting September 25, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Google Meet (see invite and email)

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MARY GRESHAM MCMASTERS, M.D., CHAIR

MARNA BENTLEY, LPC, SECRETARY

- I. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** Mary McMasters, MD
a We ask that each member share his/her role on the council and how long he/she has served

Nathaniel Rudney- DBHDS- Office of Adult Community Behavioral health services,
Dept. Liaison

Mary McMasters- Chair

Jennifer Boysko- Representative of the 33rd senate district- served on council since
elected in 2019, background in working with individuals with SUD- appointed

Marny Bentley- Region Ten CSB- Representative from SUD Council of the VACSB- 1
year on the council.

Alison Land- Commissioner DBHDS and appointed in December and served since that time.

Keith Hodges- Delegate for middle peninsula district, appointed and served 4 years prior to
this and back reappointed to the council.

Yamilet Santiago- AmeriCorps Vista- with Department of Social Service with the state- 1st
meeting invited by her supervisor

Natale Christian- Executive Director of Hampton New Port News CSB, appointed to represent
VACSB- 3rd meeting

Ron Pritchard- 2004 on council off and on, represent Virginia Association of Addiction
Professionals.

Margaret Corum- Work with VDSS- AmeriCorps Vista- SUD programming.

Patrick Hope- 47th district appointed in 2019 to the commission.

Katie Weaks Crumble- Education and Prevention Manager at Virginia ABC, on behalf of Travis
Hill- attending 2-3 years and prior her boss attended as part of ABC

Madeline Berry- Represent Virginia Certification Board with council for 2 years

Carol Pratt- representing the commission on health attending since 2014- representing
Commissioner Oliver

Karen Dyer- Administrative Coordinator, DBHDS Commissioner's Office

Heather Martinsen- PWC- year 2 of her service on the council, Prince William CSB, representing
Prevention Council of VACSB

Stephen Wade- Department of Social Services- attending council 1 year.

- II. **Review of Minutes for June 17, and July 15, 2020 Meetings**Mary McMasters, MD
 - a Unable to review as they weren't available to council- will send them out for next meeting.

III. **Old Business** – None

IV. **New Business**

- a. Future course of SASC
 - a. Review the Code as it relates to this Council-
 - i. See Attached Word Document- VA Code 2.2-2696
 - b. Review of yearly topics and directions previous
 - c. Summary of suggestions
 - i. We can elect the next chair person
 - ii. We can elect other officers as well
 - iii. We can use by laws similar to other councils
 - d. Where we would like to go in the future as it relates to this council?
 - i. Keith Hodges-Recovery Sunday initiative and getting involvement from faith community
 - ii. Keith Hodges- Focus in on what's happened over last few years and what has changed and how that is impacting SUD. Increase in trends as it relates to COVID
 - iii. Allison Land- seeing a lot more alcohol use, purchase and consumption- sales are up significantly
 - iv. Ron Pritchard- focus on limited access to virtual resources and how to support their recovery- encouraging expansion of broadband to all areas as it will increase access to services at this time.
 - v. Keith Hodges- telehealth is tremendous but need the expansion of broadband also.
 - vi. Carol Pratt- CMO recent report- fatal methamphetamine overdoses have increased, so want to be sure we increase efforts to address all addiction and not substance specific.
 - vii. Patrick Hope- interested in hearing from stakeholders of where the gaps are in funding (telehealth/broadband), ARTS program- curious to know how that is performing- are individuals able to access the service they need, or are there still gaps in that continuum- understand where those gaps are and what the plans may be for recommendations of solutions to present to the GA.; looking at what other states are doing in these areas.
 - viii. Allison Land- DMAS can present to this group to show what they have seen during the pandemic and the ARTS claims data. DMAS has given broad flexibilities to assist treatment providers to access consumers.
 - ix. Ron Pritchard- Increase in need, not increase in the workforce- can't afford to work in addiction- draw increased attention to CSAC, CAC

- x. Natalie Christian- across CSB's still provide a full range of SUD services, increase in need, experiencing better 'show' rates with telehealth, residential service is being underutilized during COVID, outpatient services are continuing to provide that care. Grant funds for Opioid Dependent individuals has been a tremendous help.- Workforce- CSAC is very limited and huge demand- need more emphasis on this
- xi. COVID benefits
 - 1. Telehealth increased emphasis and use
 - 2. Loosening of confidentiality laws to help with coordination of care
- xii. Carol Pratt- plan for telehealth moving forward is in process now with a committee through the Department of Health-
- xiii. Stephen Wade- coordinate with similar commissions and councils- like the governor's opioid group as well.
- e. Requested Next Meeting Ideas/Themes
 - i. DMAS- ARTS data report include where they are seeing GAPS in service-
 - ii. DBHDS- Margaret Steele coming next meeting to review service GAPS and disparities to assist group with topics.
 - iii. Hear from Law Enforcement possibly
 - iv. Hear from Emergency Rooms possibly
 - v. Increased attention to the CSAC, CAC certifications
 - vi. Increase awareness of treating all addictions and not focusing too exclusively on substance specific
 - vii. GAPS or ways to advocate
 - 1. Increase broadband access
 - 2. Increase/continue telehealth options
 - 3. Advocate or provide notice of ways Telehealth has helped or ways it should move forward beyond COVID times- to Carol Pratt
 - 4. Endorse specific legislation or statements on specific legislation being brought forward.
 - viii. Determine what data elements we need/want to review SUD services- lots of data collected currently and already available to us and can be gathered- don't reinvent the wheel.
 - 1. DBHDS Annual Report of Needs published March 2020- Allison Land will share the Behavioral Health Needs Assessment- Gayle Taylor has done good overview presentations as well- they can provide that as well.
 - 2. Behavioral health Index
 - ix. End of Year Report from SASC

- f. SUSC Council Structure Ideas
 - i. Create Sub Groups on these topics to include in the paper/recommendations to the Governor and GA.
 - ii. How do we want this group structured, we have some flexibility within this per code- Nathanael
 - iii. Consider doing policies and procedures:
 - 1. Roles of the particular representatives in attendance-
 - 2. Potential for legislators on council to assist with bringing recommendations forward.
 - iv. Dr. McMaster's term as Chair is ending at next meeting.
 - v. Open Nominations for next Chair- Email Nathanael with your nominations.
 - 1. Include last few minutes from last meetings
 - 2. Include letters from SUSC in previous years
 - 3. Code of Va. With duties
 - 4. Voting will occur virtually within the Chat- will not be anonymous.

V. **Public Comment- None**

VI. **Adjournment-**

VII. **Next Meeting October 14th**