

# Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC)

## June 15, 2022 Minutes

### Draft

MEETING DETAILS	
<b>Date and time:</b>	June 15, 2022, 10 am
<b>Venue:</b>	Virtual through Zoom due to the ongoing pandemic
COUNCIL DEMOGRAPHICS	
<b>Present</b>	Patrice Beard (Parent and Partnership for People with Disabilities); Hilary Piland (VACSB); Bruce Crusier (MHAV); Heather Pate (Robin's Hope); Nathanael Rudney (DBHDS); Tara Belfast-Hurd (DBHDS); Nick Pappas (PEER & Chesterfield County CSB Board); Justin Wallace (Suicide Prevention at VDH); Heather Orrock (VOCAL); Livia Jansen (DJJ); Duke Burruss (Citizen Advocate); Kristinne Stone (DOE); Eli Bouldin-Clopton (PEER & On Our Own Charlottesville); Patricia Parham (DOC); Shatada Floyd-White (Private Provider); Ashlee Fallin (Private Provider); Jenny Sappington (MHAV)
<b>Guest(s)</b>	Michael McDermott (Advocate with lived experience); Sandra Nicholas (Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner ODU & Private Practice); Celeste Minar (Chesterfield CSB); Aja Moore (Reed Smith); Mary Ottinot (Parent & MH Professional)
<b>Unexcused Absences</b>	Katharyn Clark (SAARA); Adam Creveling (DMAS); Katharine Hunter (DBHDS); Caitlin DiBenedetto (NAMI);
<b>Excused Absences</b>	Donna Bonessi (DARS)
<b>Minutes Taken By</b>	Hilary Piland
<b>Presiding Officer</b>	Patrice Beard, President
<b>Order Called</b>	Council convened at 10:00 AM

Quorum **was** present in today's meeting (requires 13 members, a majority [7 out of 13] of these members need be consumers/peers, advocates, and family members)

	Item	Discussion/Action	Responsibility/Follow-Up (if applicable)
	<b>Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment:</b>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrice began the meeting with introductions and icebreaker.</li> </ul>	

Approval of New Member:			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Orrock shared with the group information about a <b>Mary Ottinot</b> who attended the BHAC meeting in April and is interested in joining the council. Mary is in the membership category of a parent of a child with serious emotional disturbances or substance use issues, she is also an advocate and mental health professional.</li> <li>• The council would like to categorise Mary as a “Family Member” for the categories that make up the BHC membership requirements.</li> <li>• Mary is a psychiatric nurse and has experience in advocacy and policy work. She is not a state employee. Mary is also a special education surrogate parent and supports children in foster care by advocating for their special education needs. Mary has been involved in the ARC advocacy work in Chicago and now lives in Northern Virginia.</li> <li>• Duke Burruss moved to have Mary join the council as a family member.</li> <li>• Nick Pappas seconded that motion.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome: Mary Ottinot was approved as a new member to the BHAC.</b></p>	<p><b>Outcome: Mary Ottinot was approved as a new member to the BHAC.</b></p>
Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael McDermott noted that the email address listed for him in the April minutes is not the email he had posted in the chat.</li> <li>• Nick Pappas made a motion that the April minutes will be approved once the email address is corrected.</li> <li>• Heather Pate seconded that motion.</li> </ul> <p><b>OUTCOME: The council voted that the April minutes will automatically be approved once that email address is corrected.</b></p>	<p><b>OUTCOME: The council voted that the April minutes will automatically be approved once that email address is corrected.</b></p>
Treasurer’s Report:			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bruce Cruser shared that the BHAC has \$18,743 in its account. No one has asked for funds for training or conferences. Patrice reminded everyone that those funds can be used for BHAC members to attend conference or trainings.</li> </ul>	
Executive Committee Report:			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nick Pappas headed up the nominating committee this spring. Nick announced that the following people have accepted their nomination to the following positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ President – Eli Bouldin-Clopton</li> <li>➢ Vice President – Hilary Piland</li> <li>➢ The BHAC did not have anyone for secretary, so Heather Pate volunteered.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nick Pappas made the motion to vote in Eli, Hilary and Heather for president, vice president and secretary.</li> <li>• Nathanael Rudney seconded that motion.</li> </ul> <p><b>OUTCOME: for the 2022/23 year starting on July 1, 2022, Eli Bouldin-Clopton will be president, Hillary Piland will be vice president, and Heather Pate will be secretary.</b></p> <p><b><u>Chairs for Committees:</u></b>  <b>Bylaws and Policy Committee</b> - Duke Burruss  <b>Adult and Elder</b> – Tara Belfast-Hurd  <b>Membership</b> – Heather Orrock (co-chair) &amp; Patrice Beard (co-chair)  <b>Child &amp; Youth</b> – Ashlee Fallin (co-chair) &amp; Mary Ottinot (co-chair)  <b>Block Grant</b> – Nathanael Rudney</p> <p><b>OUTCOME: Tara asked that everyone let the committee chairs know if you will be on their committee. Every council member is supposed to be on a committee.</b></p> <p><b>Strategic Planning Day:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patrice is waiting to hear back from the person the council might use as a facilitator. She is trying to get a date set for a full day retreat sometime in the fall.</li> <li>• The purpose of this strategic planning day is to reevaluate the priorities the BHAC developed at its last strategic planning day, which was two years ago, and develop new priorities.</li> <li>• A few people recommended meeting in person and then the group discussed offering a hybrid option for the retreat.</li> <li>• Duke Burruss suggested that a draft for the strategic planning agenda be sent to the entire council, so council members can weigh in before the agenda is finalized.</li> </ul>	<p><b>OUTCOME: for the 2022/23 year starting on July 1, 2022, Eli Bouldin-Clopton will be president, Hillary Piland will be vice president, and Heather Pate will be secretary.</b></p> <p><b>OUTCOME: Tara asked that everyone let the committee chairs know if you will be on their committee. Every council member is supposed to be on a committee.</b></p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nathanael shared that there may be a need to have a follow up meeting take place months after the strategic planning day, to look to see if the BHAC is able to work effectively toward the strategic plan it created.</li> </ul>	
<b>Membership Report:</b>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The membership chairs will determine the best way to send out the BHAC membership list to all BHAC members without showing some of the demographic information of each member.</li> </ul> <p><b>OUTCOME: Heather Orrock will talk with Bruce Cruser and Hilary Piland about the membership list.</b></p>	<p><b>OUTCOME: Heather Orrock will talk with Bruce Cruser and Hilary Piland about the membership list.</b></p>
<b>DBHDS Report:</b>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nathanael shared some details about the budget that the general assembly was close to passing at the time of this meeting. There were funds for workforce incentives for the state hospitals. There were extra funds for more discharge planners at state hospitals as well as more funds for crisis services. All the steps of STEP-VA are now funded as well.</li> <li>The Peer Recovery Specialist reimbursement rate increased from \$6.50 to \$13.00 per 15 minutes for individuals and from \$2.70 to \$5.40 per 15 minutes for groups.</li> <li>More funds for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)</li> <li>\$1K bonuses for state supported local employees.</li> <li>Hilary Piland shared that the 5% raise for state employees does include CSBs, but the amount the CSBs receive for the 5% raise will be based on the amount of general funds the CSBs receive and won't account for the CSBs overall budget which includes funds not just from general funds but also from Medicaid reimbursements and federal grants. So, the money for a 5% raise will not be enough for the CSBs to give a 5% raise to all their eligibly staff.</li> <li>Funding for 10 additional residencies for psychiatrists</li> <li>\$1M nursing scholarships.</li> </ul>	<p><b>OUTCOME: Patrice suggested the BHAC have this question on the agenda at its next meeting</b></p>

		<p>Mary Ottinot asked the general question of what initiatives are out there for the behavioral health workforce as far as retaining the people in this field by providing trainings and other means that build quality and skilled workforce.</p> <p><b>OUTCOME: Patrice suggested the BHAC have this question on the agenda at its next meeting when there is more time to discuss this topic.</b></p>	<p><b>when there is more time to discuss this topic.</b></p>
<b>Block Grant Report:</b>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nathanael noted that this year DBHDS will be submitting the mini block grant application. This is the in between year for the Block Grant. This mini block grant application provides SAMHSA with updates on the block grant activities.</li> </ul>	
<b>Committee Reports:</b>			
<b>New Business:</b>			
<b>Public Comment:</b>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No public comment</li> </ul>	
			Notes taken by Hilary Piland
		<b>Meeting was adjourned at 11:20. The committees met after this meeting.</b>	

**Next Meeting(s):**  
August 17, 2022

**Location of meeting: via Zoom**

**MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON \_\_\_\_\_**

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