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| MEETING DETAILS |
| **Date and time:** | December 14, 2022 10 am |
| **Venue:** | Virtual through Zoom due to the ongoing pandemic |
| COUNCIL DEMOGRAPHICS |
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| **Present** | Patrice Beard (Parent and Partnership for People with Disabilities); Hilary Piland (VACSB); Bruce Cruser (MHAV); Heather Pate (Robin’s Hope); Nathanael Rudney (DBHDS); Eli Bouldin-Clopton (PEER & On Our Own Charlottesville); Sandra Nichols (VA), Teri Nunley (DARS), Heather Orrock (VOCAL), Justin Wallace (VDH), Jeff VanArnam (DBHDS), Jenny Sappington (MHAV), Cristy Corbin (FSPofVA), Mary McQuown (DBHDS), Mary Ottinot (Parent), Patricia Parham (VADOC), Mary Ottinot, Livia Jenson (DOC), Katharine Hunter (DBHDS), Kristinne Stone (DOE), Tara Belfast-Hurd (DBHDS),  |
| **Guest(s)** | Aja Moore (Reid Smith Grafton Integrated) |
| **Unexcused Absences** | Katharyn Clark (SAARA); Adam Creveling (DMAS); Katharine Hunter (DBHDS); Caitlin DiBenedetto (NAMI); |
| **Excused Absences** |  |
| **Minutes Taken By** | Heather Pate  |
| **Presiding Officer** | Eli Bouldin Clopton, President |
| **Order Called** | Council convened at 12:00 PM |

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

|  | Item | Discussion/Action | **Responsibility/Follow-Up (if applicable)** |
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|  | Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment: |
|  |  | * Welcome
* Introductions (Name, Agency/Community, and Favorite Gift)
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| **Approval of New Member:**  |
|  |  | **Outcome: N/A** |  |
|  | **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** |
|  |  | * August Meeting – postpone vote to February 2023
* Notes from October Meeting – no need for a vote (posted online)

**OUTCOME: Vote in February 2023**  | **Outcome: The council decided to vote in February for August 2022 minutes.** |
|  | **Treasurer’s Report:** |
|  |  | * Bruce Cruser shared that the beginning balance of the BHAC was $19,243 in its account.
* Cheryl Grace Wright with Kaleidoscope - $1,875
* Board Portal - $3,200 (OnBoard training video to be uploaded)
* Total Expenditures $4,075 and at $15,168
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|  | **Block Grant/DBHDS Report:**  |
|  |  | * DBHDS staff met after the retreat to discuss DBHDS role in the council.
* Block Grant informational meeting in November and it was recorded. Nathanael will put that video on the OnBoard portal. Possibly another information session in January.
* Nathanael reached out to the Commissioner’s office. We haven’t heard a response from our letter to the Commissioner. A request was made to invite the Commissisoner or Assistant Commissioner to respond to the letter.
* Block Grant Reports – submitting copies of these for the February meeting and it does show specific key indicators that are monitored in those reports. Could lead to a discussion of what data we would like to see or what data is missing.
* Received a no cost extension on the Consolidated Appropriations Act Supplemental Block Grant funds – they were only supposed to go unil 2023 that is extended to 2024. A no cost extension allows us to extend the expire date for the funds from SAMHSA with no penalty.
* Mary McQuown mentioned that Office of Recovery Services celebrating 2023 Year of the Peer. You can sign up for the Recovery Blast and the ORS Flash at [www.vaprs.org](http://www.vaprs.org)

**OUTCOME: Follow up on Block Grant reports and continue the request for the Commissioner to visit the BHAC.** |  **Follow Up: Nathanael Rudney** |
|  | **Draft Letter:** |
|  |  | * **Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce: Request** for CSB workforce increases. Increase Medicaid Reimbursement rate increase for Peer Recovery Specialists to $86.56 per hour. Amending barrier crime laws to allow qualified individuals to join the behavioral health workforce in support of the crisis needs. Thankful for the increase in 2022 for Peer Recovery Specialists.
* **Address the State Psychiatric Hospital Census Crisis: Need** Funding to expand housing options
* **Address Behavioral Health Challenges for Youth:** Additional fund request for youth at risk and their family members beyond the schools. Request funding be available to establish comprehensive data collect processes and oversight protocols and infrastructure that captures the effectiveness of the strategies implemented. Recognizing that not everyone attends a public school.
* Increase supports for Service Members, Veterans, and their families.

**OUTCOME: Hilary Piland will work on a letter and send it out for amendments and then for Eli’s signature.**  | **OUTCOME: Hilary Piland gathered this data and created a letter for BHAC Legislative priorities.**  |
|  | SOAR Analysis Review:  |
|  |  | * Reviewed SOAR Analysis from October 19, 2022. Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Results (SOAR Input)
	+ Increase membership
	+ Collaboration with the Governor’s and Commissioner’s offices. Impacting legislative change increases the value of membership
	+ Positive changes from the past
	+ Speak at the Behavioral Health Commission
	+ Pick your committee when joining the council. Let’s lay out the responsibilities and requirements to join the BHAC.
	+ Increased engagement with governors, commissioners leading to a stronger presence
	+ More diversity on the BHAC. Whose missing at the table? Nathanael explained a max of 40 people, 51% Peer-led, and a certain # of people in different categories (Advocates, Peers, and Family Members). Not accepting memberships currently to establish further foundation based on our strategic planning. Re-establishing the requirements for membership and purpose of the council.
	+ Huge Shoutout to Bruce Cruser at MHAV for setting the BHAC up for the OnBoard Portal.

**OUTCOME: Next steps – Possibly bring back Cheryl for mission, vision, and values for February 2022** | **OUTCOME: Bruce Cruser to reach out to Cheryl for the February meeting for the 2-hour time frame.** |
|  | Committee Reports:  |
|  |  | N/A at this time |  |
|  | **New Business:** |
|  |  | N/A at this time |  |
|  | **Public Comment:**  |
|  |  | No public comment  |  |

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|  |  | Notes taken by Hilary Piland |
|  | **Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm. No committees met this time.** |  |
| Next Meeting(s): December 14, 2022Location of meeting: via Zoom  |

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