

# Behavioral Health Advisory Council

2104 W. Laburnum Ave, Richmond, VA 23227

**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

## I. Attendance

Present: Katharine Hunter, Livia Jansen, Margaret Anne Lane, Patricia Parham, Rhonda Thissen, Kathleen Levenston, Anne Edgerton, Bonnie Neighbour, Marjorie Yates, William Hart, Heather Seaman, Jane Ellis, Robin Hairfield, Betsy Lalla, Lynn Lull, Rita Girard, Amanda Rode

Absent: Sherry Confer, Catharine Harrison, Dev Nair, Gail Taylor, William Williams, David Conley, Ron Pritchard, Jenny Heilborn, Megan Hodges, Larry Almarode, Becky Sterling, Lynn DelaMer, Lee Peebles

## II. Guests

Sarah Rudden

## III. Opening of Business

Amanda Rode called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

## IV. Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment

Introductions were made around the room. Lynn Lull announced that Hope in Motion received their first grant.

## V. Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes were reviewed; Katharine hunter motioned to approve minutes, Anne Edgerton seconded. Minutes were approved as written.

## VI. Agency Updates

Rhonda Thissen gave updates on the status of current introduced legislation. Patricia Parham announced a Dept. of Corrections budget amendment; they are hiring 20 new Mental Health specialists. Margaret Anne Lane reminded the council about the next meeting presentation on Marijuana. Katharine Hunter announced the young adult substance abuse treatment planning grant is under way; they have also hired two new employees.

## VII. Financial Update

Anne Edgerton gave the financial update for the Council. Anne also suggested combining the conference and travel funds categories within the budget. Rita Girard made a motion, Kathleen Levenston seconded; budget amendment was approved by the Council.

## VIII. Discussion: SAMHSA Leadership Academy

The Council was selected for the leadership academy with six other states, in which strategic planning will also be addressed. There was a conference call which was

informational, however, no planning has started as of yet. There was a discussion of this Council's role and mission according to the bylaws.

IX. Discussion: Council Direction and Topics for This Year

In addition to the leadership academy, the Council is interested in figuring out our role and direction. An item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the Block Grant for the Council. There were several members interested in finding out what other state planning councils are doing. Members discussed the importance of this Council since it is required to exist under federal law.

X. Adjournment

Did not have quorum by end of meeting; ended at 1:42pm.