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**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH**  
*and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health*

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**June 6, 2019 Joint Meeting**

**Attendees:** Allison Stolz, BraVada Garrett-Akinsanya, Stephanie Hogenson, Melissa Balitz, Michael Trangle, Mary Kjolsing, Jode Freyholtz-London, Sue Benolkin representing Tom Delaney, Rozenia Fuller, Sam Smith, Alison Wolbeck, Noah McCourt, Richard Oni, Michelle Schmid-Egleston, Linda Hansen, Ken Ujifusa, Jennifer Giesen, Donna Lekander, Kim Stokes, Dave Johnson, Cecilia Hughes, Jeff Lind, Dave Lee, Nick Vega Puente, Anna Lynn, Abigail Franklin, Shelley White

**Legislative session update from Hali Kolkind, DHS:** see attached Behavioral Health Funding 2019 Session document for updates

**DHS Updates from Nick Puente:** review DHS org chart, new managerial structure; opportunity for schools to apply for funding to implement BH and Wellness curriculum <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/grants-rfps/open-rfps/?id=1053-387471>; warm lines RFPs are under review; SUD received funding for opioid response.

**MDH updates from Anna Lynn:** 2016 data report on mental well-being for adolescents shared; webinar about this report to be scheduled; the report is a baseline as there is not consistent historical data from the student survey; learning community with jails - State Community Health Services Advisory Council, workgroup on children of incarcerated children background report shared; 1 in 2 individuals have been impacted by having a family member in jail

MDH update on policy for mental health parity in budget bill; should not be limitations on MICD services that are offered by your insurance; this does not mean that insurers must provide MICD coverage but if they do, it must be equal to medical surgical benefits (e.g. same cost for co-pays); put federal language into state statute giving MDH and Commerce authority to collect data; they must issue a report about MH parity by June 2021; requires departments to be transparent in their work; information available at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/insurance/managedcare/parity.html>; if suspect not receiving parity in services should report; very different rules for employer plans vs public plans (MA)

Question from NAMI: suicide prevention training for teachers, how does it align with all of the funding sources? More information to come from MDH re: suicide prevention programming

**Discussion of future meetings:** state of the art telepresence system based at Lafayette. You can join the meeting via internet with a web cam and microphone/speaker; will host a joint meeting in September/October at Lafayette; Future discussion around ways this tech can be used in your world to serve MH consumers. Explain rules/regulations about billing clinical services via telepresence at future meeting. Will need to RSVP to those meetings in order to have access to Lafayette Bldg and/login for remote access.

**State Fair:** 58 confirmed exhibitors; USAA is donating the use of 3 large tents for our exhibits; need to come up with activities to interact with patrons – Instagram wall, therapy animals. Send ideas to Leads: Dave Johnson, Allison Stohlz; please sign up for 4 hour block to work SAC booth on Monday, August 26.

Monday, August 26. July 10, 2-3pm call for state fair planning. Miles and lodging reimbursement for volunteering at the State Fair can be turned in at September meeting.

**Substance Abuse Reform & Waiver Reform update from Jeff Hunsberger, DHS:** 2017 SUD reform proposed by many. Additional services created for CD treatment by a licensed program. CD treatment fund combined to include Medical Assistance dollars, state general fund, county share, and SAMHSA funds to pay for SUD services. Services can be delivered in private practice. New assessment interview process (Comprehensive Assessment) or Rule 25 Assessment will authorize treatment services to begin. This new process has been delayed. LADC must have 3 years of experience to provide services independent of a treatment center. New treatment coordination role can be billed in 15 min increments, does not have to be in presence of client (similar to a care coordination role). Service agreement must include which services are covered i.e. treatment, coordination, peer support services. Discussion re: MAT for opioid treatment. Withdrawal management was not included in the bill

**Announcements:** elections for co-chairs for children's subcommittee will be held in August; there is no meeting in July; Jode Freyholtz-London = Lino Lakes DOC project closed but she hopes to continue this work in Oak Park and Shakopee

**Handouts:**

DHS Behavioral Health Division Organizational Chart

[Children of Incarcerated Parents 2018 SCHSAC Report](#)

[Minnesota Adolescent Mental Well-Being report](#)