



The Portsmouth Department of Behavioral Healthcare Services (PDBHS) Advisory Board held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 1811 King Street, at 4:30pm in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Members Present

Dr. Marie Shepherd, Chair
Dorescia Paige, Secretary
Pastor Milton Blount
Charlene Chavis
Sean Prince

Absent Members

Denise Key, Vice Chair

Council Liaison

The Honorable Paul J. Battle

PDBHS Staff Present

M. Elaine Breathwaite, Director
LaTonya Williams, Assistant Director
Cherie Lassiter, Administrative Coordinator II

Called to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:55pm.

Review Minutes

The board reviewed the June 5, 2019 minutes. Pastor Blount motioned for the minutes to be approved with a second by Ms. Paige. The board approved unanimously.

Updates

- Director's updates were presented by the Director, Ms. M. Elaine Breathwaite:
 - ✓ The meeting began with the Director presenting a PowerPoint presentation on the CSB Redesign: STEP-VA. She provided the members with an overview of critical changes that the state is suggesting:
 - The proposal is to have five CSB Leads, these leads would manage the other CSBs. Western Tidewater (Suffolk) is preferred by the state to be our regional lead to oversee:
 - Chesapeake
 - Norfolk
 - Portsmouth
 - Virginia Beach
 - The state believes it will be more effective to work with five Lead CSBs to meet the requirements of STEP-VA than monitoring and communicating with 40 CSBs individually in these areas:
 - Consistency
 - Quality
 - Access
 - Accountability
 - Agency funds will be affected if CSBs are not in compliance.

- More funding, staff and slowing down the timelines are needed to complete the changes required by STEP-VA
- Comprehensive needs assessment must be completed during intake, this will increase the SDA process substantially.
- Areas the states wants uniformity of services
 - Same Day Access (SDA)
 - DLA-20 Assessment (Daily Living Activities)
 - Appointment within 14 days
 - Primary Care
 - Outpatient Services
 - Mobile Crisis
 - Case Management
 - Psychiatric Rehabilitation
 - Peer and Family Support Services
 - Veterans and Families
 - Care Coordination
- Reviewed the Regional Lead CSB functions, STEP-VA timeline, the current mandates of the redesign that are being implemented and the Commissioner's last presentation at the VACSB meeting.
- The board members asked questions throughout the meeting, they were very interested in all the changes and how it would affect the Portsmouth community.
- Executive Directors from all CSBs have offered suggestion and recommendations to changes in description, timelines, funding and the overall process and outcomes.
 - There has been changes made based on the input of the Executive Directors.
 - Identifying and formally placing the five Lead CSBs is pending.
- The Director noted several good best practices that the state is recommending.

Old Business

- No old business discussed.

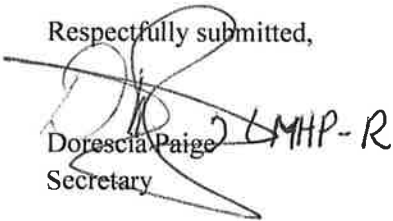
New Business

- No new business was discussed.

Next Meeting/Adjournment

The meeting ended at 5:58pm. Refreshments were made available before and following the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2019 at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Dorescia Paige
Secretary