



# Maryland State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council

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### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 23, 2013

3:00 to 5:00 pm

**ATTENDEES:** Mary Pizzo; Carlos Hardy; Kathleen O'Brien, Larry Simpson; Virgil Boysaw Jr.; Kim Kennedy; Jacqueline McNamara; Michael Baier; Eugenia Conolly; Ann Geddes; Tom Liberatore; Lori Brewster

1. Introductions, Review and Approval of Minutes- Dr. Gayle Jordan-Randolph, Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health and Disabilities

This was Dr. Jordan-Randolph's first meeting with the Council and she provided an overview of her experience in Maryland's Behavioral Health Care System prior to her appointment as Deputy Secretary. She requested the Council's assistance to identify 1) the strengths and weaknesses of the Council and 2) what can the membership do to resolve the concerns and move the Council forward.

2. Update- Maryland's Implementation of Health Care Reform- Carolyn Quattrochi, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Health Care Reform

Power point presentation on benefits and dynamics of the impact of the affordable care act on behavioral health services:

- Preventive services are essential now and savings are taking place in the state due to new act.
- Technological advances, tax credits and low costs are one of the many benefits of new act as well as certain standards being placed on plans to ensure quality health care for all.
- The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange call center and online portal will open summer 2013 for enrollments starting in October.

- Economic benefit of exchange, challenges and Medicaid expansion were presented.
- Essential health benefits will cover 10 categories;-the MD state employee health benefit plan was chosen as the model.
- A review of several health care delivery systems was presented.
- The need for an expanded Workforce to increase diversity and align with emerging care delivery models.

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3. Update- Maryland Prescription and Drug Monitoring Program- Michael Baier, ADAA

- The history of the development of the Maryland PDMP program and goals was presented
  - Reduce prescription drug abuse & diversion by creating electronic database of controlled dangerous substance prescription information; provide healthcare providers real-time access to improve patient care and provide data to aid legitimate investigations into illegal diversion, healthcare fraud and improper professional practice.
- Advisory board developed 2011.
- Final regulations developed for program in 12/2012
- IT goals are to develop “real time” data for monitoring.
- Three federal grants fund this program
- Next Steps are to develop educational materials, procure program evaluation services, appoint a Technical Advisory Committee and establish departmental processes for hospice pharmacy waiver, patient requests non-automated request tracking, etc.

4. Prevention Committee Report:

Maryland Strategic Prevention Framework Update-

- Provide MSPF Implementation grants to the 24 identified MSPF communities and monitor/ evaluate the effectiveness of their chosen strategies and interventions



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- Provide on-going capacity-building support and training to MSPF grantees and other key stakeholders on the implementation of the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) process at the community level
- The MSPF Advisory Committee's Community Implementation Work Group will compile and maintain current resources on best practices related to behavioral health promotions and prevention and community wellness in order to include investigation of collaboration with local health entities
- Involve the State Epidemiology Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) and other key agency representatives (i.e., Tobacco Control, MSDE, etc.) in the development, cultural competency and sustainability of the assessment survey

## 5. Workforce Development Committee Report: Workforce Legislation-

MADC is moving forward with the following proposed workforce-related legislation for the 2013 Maryland General Assembly session:

- Education Financing: Expanding the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LARP) to include behavioral health professionals, specifically LCPCs and LC-ADCs, and to direct a percentage of licensure fees paid to the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to fund these awards.
- Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists: Adding provisions to Health Occupations statute to establish timelines for application review and an appeal process governing disputes over whether an applicant meets statutory and regulatory requirements for obtaining a license or certification.

## Maryland Integration Learning Community-

MADC has launched a year-long Learning Community to expand the integration of substance use disorder, mental health and primary care services in local communities.

## Behavioral Health Higher Education Collaborative-

The Collaborative had a successful and energetic kickoff on October 23, 2012. The discussion focused on credentialing requirements and licensing issues with the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists, and how to guide students to obtain proper credentials upon graduating.

6. Update- Behavioral Health Council Restructuring Process-Eugenia Conolly, ADAA

- This is joint work group consisting of representatives from the SDAAC, MHA Council and the AG's Office who are charged with providing recommendations as to what a Behavioral Health Council should look like.
- SAMSHA's Center for Mental Health Services is planning to fund eight states to join a National Learning Community with the goal being to provide technical assistance with the transition to a Behavioral Health Council. The Workgroup is collaborating with MHA staff to submit a proposal.
- This is a competitive process and applications are due to SAMHSA's Contractor on February 14, 2013.

7. ADAA Director's Report (MD Opioid Overdose Prevention Plan) -Kathleen Rebbert-Franklin, Acting Director, ADAA

The Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) is coordinating a number of key initiatives to help reduce opioid-related overdoses in MD, including:

- Analyzing data on overdose and opioid abuse trends.
- Supporting broad access to substance use disorder treatment.
- Instituting a public health focus on opioid overdose that includes local, multidisciplinary reviews of fatal overdose incidents.
- Pursuing initiatives that focus on reducing pharmaceutical opioid-related overdoses.
- Developing a plan to address public health emergencies
- Supporting jurisdictions that seek to implement overdose prevention activities involving naloxone.

Next Meeting- Wednesday April 17, 2013, 3-5 pm at ADAA: Wednesday June 19, 2013, 3-5 pm at ADAA