

Behavioral Health Work Group
July 7, 2010

Members Present: Karen Burley, Barb Byers, Jackie Columbia, Andrea Cosans, Jeremy Exell, Deb Flowers, Caren Forestandi, Rusty Holland, Tome Kimm, Jeanne Marzell, Teresa Warnick

1. Service Array – Need to go back to assessment, address each issue, then summarize and prioritize. Next time to present to state is Sept. Hope to have plan for addressing the issues by end of July.

**When KIT Collaborative met, they decided to meet after the KIT meeting on August 4 to complete the RCDP.*

2. Behavioral Health Directory - Sent out via email to several groups, primary care physicians, schools, churches, posted to website, www.familyresourcenetworkotp.org, then click on resources. Several corrections have been made. Continuing to receive feedback, will be updated once a month on the website. Group recommended that it be sent out again with website address. Please send emails for others to whom you would like the list sent to uwepfrn@comcast.net.

It was recommended that we include a section on self help groups, some can be obtained from Journal. Also recommended separate link to self help groups on FRN website.

Deb Flowers reported that the Morgan County Partnership put together a brochure “You’re not alone,” listing resources according to need. It can be accessed through the Morgan County Partnership website. Partnership may put Behavioral Health link on their website, Behavioral health directory will put Partnership information in directory.

The group recommended doing hand deliveries, taking them to meetings, appointments. It was likewise recommended that we make a small flyer – what is available and where. Have them at county fairs, attach them to directory emails. Suggest that update be done in January, 2011 and reprinted every July 2011. Set a cut-off date of July 30 for updates. Insert blurb on cover sheet with contact information for updates. Get invited to school counselor meeting to distribute. Send hard copies to mainline churches, ask them to spread the information to other church leaders. Send to schools, police stations, libraries, hospital crisis workers, hospital social work departments. Teresa will contact the school printer to find out about printing. Make announcement flyer half page, or make it business card size.

3. Concerned hotline – partnered with local rotary club to reprint their resource guide once a year. If entities want to be included, they had to provide information by the deadline. Recommended that we contact local fraternal organization to get grant for printing. Printed 5000. www.concernhotline.com. Taking 25,000 calls per year. Provides 8 week training for volunteer listeners. Currently serving Shenandoah Valley. Charge \$10 for directory.

4. Updates

Jackie going to Charleston next week, will be able to report back next month on childrens’ services. Partnership doing 5 community forums this summer, had 18 attendees in Paw Paw last month. Had variety of stakeholders, except for youth, will meet with youth later this month. Gathering data and will create action plan for summit this fall. Have done the same with underage drinking. Looks like they are not going to move, from current office on Berkeley Springs HS campus. Received individual grant from governor, not sure how much, will extend services for next 3 years, increasing number of calls, providing resources for more people all the time. In fall, Paula Osborne planning to start active listening in fall at hs. Interested in getting Shepherd students involved.

PRC is keeping 5 staff members, Shamus may be one of 5.

EastRidge – renewed Andrea’s grant and expanded to 2 new positions – Board of Child Care is one, to explore expansion into the community to keep people out of the hospital. Old fashioned case management. Will be easier to get into Morgan County. Statewide movement is toward community based services. “Building Bridges” to bridge gap between residential placements and community. Need strong community based service array.

Trainings – other work groups doing something similar. Partnership doing one in fall on working with group. Trying to do them quarterly.

Neurofeedback training still pending, depending on Rick’s training on suicide prevention date. Would be good to have clearinghouse for trainings from a variety of sources – Teresa McCabe sends out emails about training from WVUH East – put on agenda for next month.

Suggestion made to send letter to governor about replacement for Senator Byrd. Bring it to HHSC Steering Committee.

Master’s level counselor needed at Shepherd, licensed, 9 month position \$25,000. State determines salary. Classified employee system. New therapist coming to Shenandoah mid-July.

VA Medical center having homecoming for heroes, may be possible to set up tables, provide information, resources.