**Present: Peg Morrison, Maryann Dantone, Jeff McCloud, Nina Leger, Corye Dunn (For Virginia Knowlton-Marcus), Thea Craft, Kent Earnhardt, Lisa Worth, June Freeman, Tia Scriven, Virginia Knowlton-Marcus,**

**DMHDDSUS Staff**: Petra Mozzetti, Alicia Hess

**Guests**: Saarah Waleed, James Miller, Jennifer Meade (all from DMHDDSUS)

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| ***Mission****: Advise and make recommendations on the State Behavioral Health Plan(s) for services and programs for*  *children and adults with serious mental health needs and their families.*  ***Vision****: A mental health system that works for everyone* | | | |
|  | **Agenda Item/Presenter**  **Discussion** | **MHBG Plan Relevance**  **Resources/Data Sources/Indicators** | **Action** |
| 1. | **Meeting Convened/Introductions**:  Peg Morrison, Chair |  |  |
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| 2. | **Approval of Today’s Agenda and previous meeting minutes,**  Peg Morrison, Chair |  | Kent Earnhardt approved, Jeff McCloud seconded motion to approve Agenda. Agenda Minutes were approved.  Kent motioned to approved minutes, MaryAnn seconded, minutes were approved with changes noted to move notes into body of minutes. |
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| 3. | **Potential New Member Voting** | **Jeff McCloud motioned to approve, Nina Leger seconded** | Motion is approved. Trinitee is approved and welcomed to the Council. |
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| 4. | **MHBG Spend Plan Presentation**  **Petra Mozzetti, DMHDDSUS** | Presentation slides included in meeting agenda and minutes  <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-use-services/adult-mental-health-services/assertive-community-treatment>  Outcomes for First Episode Psychosis is notably impressive. Division is using funds to expand FEP program teams in more rural parts of the state.  Also investing in Bipartisan Safer Community Acts. This program is being delivered through an application process in three counties and they are looking to expand the model. Helps law enforcement better recognize needs and services.  Most crisis projects selected to fund with new appropriation complement other Behavioral Health Investments.  Goal also to reduce stigma and increase access to services. SMI and SUD are a part of who we are as people and the campaign aims to present that.  Family and caregiver supports is allocated $2 million to expand efforts. Looking to expand services to a family as a unit and not just focusing on the person with the diagnosis. NAMI has contract for $1.5 million and a new RFA will be released to support family and caregiver supports.  Council discussion about peer supports. $1.45 million assigned from new allocation to support this aspect. Challenge is that there are either not enough open roles for peer specialists or that after peers are hired, they are asked to do work for an organization that is outside the definition of what a peer support worker is supposed to do. Expectation that an experienced peer supervises other peers. Funding will also be provided to pay for peer support training to support more individuals in becoming peer support specialists.  Veterans funding will also be expanded. Hope to find one Vendor to manage funds, outcomes, reports, and develop a Cross Area Program. DMHDDSUS has hired a new Veteran’s coordinator. She is a Navy Veteran.  Special Populations/Marginalized Populations funding increased by just over $4 million. These populations are usually quite small so supplementing their work allows them to focus on marginalized populations in a more assisted way. Will focus on LGBTQ+, ESL/Non-Native English Speakers, Faith-Based Communities, Older Adults.  DMHDDSUS and Division of Aging is working with stakeholders to re-envision and bring back an Action Team to focus on increasing engagement of older adults in behavioral health services and supports. | Recommended the Division of Child and Family Wellbeing come to Council and provide presentation on goals and objectives of this new Division.  Recommend that Ann Marie Webb from DMHDDSUS speak to Council members on Peer Support. |
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| 5. | **RFA Planning Presentation**  **James Miller, DMHDDSUS** | DMHDDSUS is releasing up to $4.5 million for NC organizations to apply to receive funding for Family/Caregiver Support Services focusing on Peer Respite; Peer Services: Living Room Model; Innovative Projects in Underserved Communities (LGBTQ+, ESL, Older Adults, Faith-Based Communities). These Funding Plans will go through review, then posted to solicit applications. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. | Question about community inclusion and transition to community living. Do these initiatives still stand alone or are they exclusive? Supporting population members to be self-selective to seek services in their most trusted communities. |
| **LUNCH BREAK 11:45 am – 12:30 pm – Lunch Provided by Jason’s Deli – Vegetarian, Gluten Free Options Available** | | | |
| 6. | **Review/Completion of Council Membership Roster & Proposed Changes to Bylaws**  **Virginia Knowlton-Marcus** | Follow up from last Council meeting on specific Membership bylaws proposed changes.  Discussed conforming bylaws to current practices. Council members will be vetted by nominating committee and elected by majority vote by members. Discussion of proposed changes to bylaws in the membership article.  Discussed changes to Council terms. Recommended increasing longevity (max 9 years instead of 6) and allowing a break of just one year before member could undertake a new 3-year term. | Question raised about how to accomplish the requirement of an annual conflict of interest statement disclosure. Discussion of changing this requirement to at the beginning of the person’s three-year term. Nominating committee volunteered to collect this conflict-of-interest statement from new nominees. Ideally this conflict-of-interest form could be available on the DMHDDSUS MHBG Planning Council website. In the meantime, there is a conflict-of-interest form that the nominating committee will review prior to the next Council meeting. Council asked about the possibility to create a uniform email address like “ChairofMHBGPlanningCouncil”. Can this be an email address available through DMHDDSUS?  Discussed changing committee makeup to be 51% or more of members to be consistent with 51% rule of Council membership.  Vote on proposed bylaws and nominating committee document: Maryann motioned, Kent seconded. Motion passed.  Voted on bylaws clarification.   * Next meeting action item – Discuss adding clarity or updated language to membership section 2.16 – “Up to 8 additional representatives who are adults with mental illness, family members of adults with mental illness, and/or family members of children with serious emotional disturbance.”   Will ask members not in attendance to continue to fill in membership roster columns. |
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| 7. | **Round Robin Council Sharing** | Updates, Events, Shout Outs? | Nina shared that NAMI is working in partnership with disability advocates for disability caravan event. Completed the NAMI walk recently. A lot of growth at NAMI, Nina is developing new measuring data. CIT appreciation luncheon is to be 6/12/24 at the McKimmon Center. If you know someone involved with CIT would be invited to this luncheon, contact Nina.  Virginia shared that there is a van driving across the US marking the 25th anniversary of the Olmstead decision (disability caravan). Caravan will be in NC the 25th of June in Orange County, Durham, Charlotte, and Hillsborough. National ADAPT a cross disability group is coming to NC for Olmstead anniversary to have a rally in downtown Raleigh. Capacity Restoration efforts ongoing and filed a motion for court order to require assessment for those found incapable to proceed to receive that assessment within 14 days.  Peg shared that a new role of hers is Heal NC and is focused on Wayne County that teaches resiliency, healing, coping.  Move to adjourn, Jeff motioned, Virginia seconded. Meeting Adjourned. |
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| 8. | **Next Meeting Date and Adjourn** | Planning for In Person | Recommend discussion to move meetings to Quarterly if remaining in person – this was on agenda but was not discussed at this meeting. |
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**2024 Meeting Dates: First Friday of Even Months**

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| **February 2nd** |
| **April 5th** |
| **June 7th** |
| **August 2nd** |
| **October 4th** |
| **December 6th** |