



South Carolina Behavioral Health Coalition

*SC Behavioral Health Coalition
Core Leadership Team Meeting Minutes*

Tuesday, March 29, 2018
12:40pm – 2:00pm

Attendance

Graham Adams	Bill Lindsey
Mark Binkley	John Magill (phone)
Deb Blalock	Terre Marshall (Bryan Stirling)
Virgie Chambers (Molly Spearman)	Amy McCulloch
Patrick Dennis (Margie Heggie)	Aunyika Moonan
Allison Evans (phone)	George McConnell
Andrew Fogner	Frank O’Neal (Chief Mark Keel)
Kester Freeman	Gloria Prevost
Sara Goldsby	April Richardson
Rich Jones	Gerald Wilson, MD
Thornton Kirby	Guests: Pierce McNair, Dr. Corey Remle (IMPH), Katie Zenger (IMPH)
Pete Liggett	Staff: Elizabeth Harmon, Rick Foster, MD, Laura Cole, Monty Robertson, Leslie Pfeiffer

Opening and Updates

The February 27 meeting minutes were approved. Dr. Wilson introduced Pierce McNair, Director of Research, SC House Education and Public Works Committee.

Safe Schools Vision and Call to Action

In reaction to the Florida school shooting, legislators have filed a number of bills to address potential threat to SC schools. Pierce McNair, Director of Research, SC House Education and Public Works Committee, summarized [legislation](#) before the House K-12 Education Subcommittee that recently met to hear from stakeholders and discuss the bills. The Coalitions’ input was shared with Subcommittee studying the issue. The subcommittee has not taken an official position on them and the odds of their passing before the end of session is slim.

There was robust discussion regarding the draft *Safe Schools Vision and Call to Action*. *Commentary: Comments made during the previous CLT meeting are included in the draft. Assault weapons are not explicitly addressed in the current version, as well as other issues such as those related to suicide. The lack of focus on assault weapons as a missed opportunity and as a result, the strength of the Vision is weakened. Reaching a consensus will be difficult with the mention of assault weapons. It was suggested the SCHA or IMPH release a statement with the mention of assault weapons from their own organizations. The Vision should stay truer to the core issue, mental illness, not stray to gun safety issues.*

Dr. Wilson moved for approval of the statement as is. Graham Adams offered an amendment to point 5, to include assault-style rifles.

Voting on Amendment (to include assault-style firearms to point 5): **In Favor: 4** Amy McCulloch, Bill Lindsey, Graham Adams, Kester Freeman. **Opposed: 15** Allison Evans, Andrew Fogner, Aunyika Moonan, Deb Blalock, Frank O'Neal (Chief Keel), George McConnell, Gloria Prevost, John Magill, Mark Binkley, Pete Liggett, Rich Jones, Sara Goldsby, Terre Marshall, Thornton Kirby. **Abstain: 3** April Richardson, Patrick Dennis (Margie Heggie), Virgie Chambers (Molly Spearman). **Motion Fails**

Voting on Vision as is: **In Favor: 19** Allison Evans, Amy McCulloch, Andrew Fogner, Aunyika Moonan, Bill Lindsey, Deb Blalock, Frank O'Neal (Chief Keel), George McConnell, Gloria Prevost, Graham Adams, John Magill, Kester Freeman, Mark Binkley, Pete Liggett, Rich Jones, Sara Goldsby, Terre Marshall, Thornton Kirby, Virgie Chambers (Molly Spearman). **Abstain: 2** April Richardson, Patrick Dennis (Margie Heggie). **Adoption of Vision Passes**

Integration of School Based Services into the Coalition. In consultation with Mark Weist, it was determined that the Alignment Workgroup was the most appropriate workgroup in which to integrate this issue. The use of telehealth to increase mental health services in schools was discussed. The SC Department of Education (SCDOE) and the SC Department of Mental Health (SCDMH) are working together and will meet April 3 to begin identifying school districts that have the capacity to deliver telehealth services, where there is need, and schools that have capacity for telehealth services. The goal is to have a model in place by the start of the next school year (August). This consolidated approach will be an on-going effort, and costly. A discussion of leveraging resources ensued. MUSC could be a resource for equipment to provide telemedicine services. Coverage of telehealth behavioral health counseling services is needed.

Breakout Session Briefing and Discussion

The CLT heard reports from the priority area workgroup chairs and co-chairs.

Crisis Stabilization/Acute Care Management: Deb Blalock

- Drafting an array of services list to share with communities
- Development of regulations for Crisis Stabilization Units has been approved by DHEC, hoping to get through the legislature next year
- Group wants to know what 'done' looks like. How do we know when an impact has been made?

Behavioral Health/Primary Care Outpatient Alignment: Pete Liggett, PhD

- The workgroup heard about urban integration models from the Upstate Behavioral Health Collaborative. In May, they will hear about a rural model of collaboration (COZI) (re-scheduled from the January meeting)
- SCDHHS has been approached by managed care plans about turning on the four BH CPT integration (collaborative care) codes (this is an opportunity to recognize collaboration of behavioral health and primary care); fiscal impact needs to be determined

Commentary: The South Carolina Psychological Association Convention is taking place April 13-14. [You can register here.](#)

Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment: George McConnell and Sara Goldsby

- Dumbiri Powell with the Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA presented the overdose protection application, a tool developed to help states map overdose reversals in real time.

Overdoses and bad batches of drugs are reported and placed geographically so that trends can be monitored. The tool compiles a de-identifiable level population map. Completed in 15 seconds, there are six questions to answer, including location of the overdose, whether or not naloxone was administered, and whether the individual is alive.

*Commentary: To increase user buy-in, Sara Goldsby asked the CLT to consider endorsing this tool for first responders (and for use only by first responders). Andrew Fogner added that CLT approval of the tool could be shared with the Governor's OERT. **Motion: Adopt and develop a statement of endorsement. Motion Passes unanimously***

Data Analytics and Informatics Update: Andrew Fogner and Aunyika Moonan

- Working to finalize informatic resources
 - Asks for informatics graphics to be distributed to Coalition members and disseminated to appropriate parties
- Gathering requests from Workgroups
- Analyzing the School-Based BH Survey
- Helping develop the Hospital Based BH Survey

Other Notes

Need to discuss with workgroups to develop communication and progress in between meetings (with the move to bi-monthly).

The next meeting is Thursday, May 31, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned.