

## State Mental Health Planning Council Meeting Notes

October 5, 2023

### 1. Introductions/Updates

Danna Mauch opened the meeting introduced the other co-chairs.

### 2. Behavioral Health Help Line

Mio Tamanaha shared a PowerPoint presentation on helpline calls for the first 3 quarters of 2023.

### 3. Employment Sub-Committee Report

Don Hughes, Val Comerford, Michael Stepansky, Jo Davis (MRC), Amelia ?, and Steve LaMaster presented on their mission, vision and philosophy. They shared four goals for the upcoming year. MRC reported on numbers of DMH ACCS clients who were served and placed in the previous year. Stats from Clubhouse employment programs were presented, and data collection issues were discussed. Benefits training and insurance issues were managed by Work Without Limits.

### 4. Commissioner's Update

Discussion centered on the influx of refugees and services and representation needs. There is also a statewide initiative to look at maternal and infant healthcare and cardio-metabolic syndrome. The SMHPC was asked to consider how it could get involved in both issues. The possibility of creating new sub-committees was raised.

### 5. Legislative Update

Steve Cidlevich discussed the status of HB 3602 and SB 1238, both of which deal with adding 14 new respite centers.

### 6. A link to a survey was distributed so people could give input on topics they'd like to see at future meetings. Results will be discussed at the January meeting.

### 2024 meeting schedule:

January 4<sup>th</sup>, primary topic will be BSAS and dual diagnosis programs.

April 4<sup>th</sup>, satisfaction survey results review, housing

July 11<sup>th</sup>, being held a week later due to the holiday on July 4<sup>th</sup>, Southeast Area presentation, TBD

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, TBD