

Youth Services Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 12, 2020

Location: Skype Only

11:15-12:00

Present: Cheryle Wilcox, Holly Morehouse, Matt Wolf, Kate Luscomb, Sara Chesbrough, Matt Myers

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes
★ Updates from members	<p>Kate Luscomb, DVHA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kate is solely doing Utilization Review right now-identified difficulties with youth getting stuck at EDs, residential facilities not taking youth• DVHA has opened up telehealth as an option to create more access. <p>Matt Wolf, Vermont Federation of Families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the virtual learning world, staying in touch has worked well, but trying to establish new connections has been challenging.• Some stories of youth hanging up on teachers, they have ultimate control• Hearing we haven't seen increases in DV incidence but major concern about an explosion of reports come fall.• Hearing more people reaching out for the first time for MH services. <p>Cheryle Wilcox, DMH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received an emergency SAMHSA grant for folks with severe mental illness and SUD. The grant is targeted for mental health agencies and peer support agencies to provide direct services; there is funding for 7 agencies to receive funding for vans for mobile outreach that can have PPE, sensory bags, etc.• Also concerned about challenges this is creating for families already struggling and expecting to see increased needs for MH services and supports.• DMH is focusing on communications to get out resources and has been updating the website: https://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/ <p>Holly Morehouse, Vermont Afterschool:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working closely with VDH for health and safety guidelines; would like close connections with DMH as well so the physical and mental health are equally highlighted.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did a virtual youth forum—a lot of diversity in stories. they shared, they highlighted loneliness, worry about friends in unsafe situations at home or with MH concerns. shared that education should be highlighting mental health needs more than continuity of learning. • Youth who participated are meeting weekly to discuss H.775 because they are very excited about the possibility of a youth council • H.775 is still sitting in House Appropriations. • seeing more conversation in school about Social Emotional learning and how to support connectedness. <p>Kreig Pinkham, Washington County Youth Services Bureau:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • impact of GA assistance and how to transition folks out of hotels. the number of GA family units and individuals. the coordinated entry team is looking at the data and found in Washington county 1/3 are under 25/24 years of age. • Trying to figure out how to stretch resources to support homeless youth. <p>Sara Chesbrough, VDH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VDH is supporting folks that are providing direct services. • Some potential YRBS questions coming which Sara will keep us updated about. <p>Matt Myers, VDH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started at VDH two weeks ago as program manager for school-based services. • Mostly worked in prevention—at AOE, Johnson State College.
<p>Wrap Up and Next Steps</p>	<p>Check out the link that Holly sent—deadline for the survey is today. If you have time please do it so youth-focused voices are elevated in the results. it's set up so you don't have to do every section.</p>

