

RMC Health Care Committee Meeting
May 3, 2016
Maryland Department of Agriculture, Annapolis
Minutes

Participants: Tom McLoughlin, Justine Springer, Temi Oshiyoye, Deborah Wolf, Dr. Diana Abney, Adele Foerster, Karan Kverno and Charlotte Davis

The meeting convened at approximately 1:16 pm.

Chairman McLoughlin called the meeting to order and welcomed participants.

Minutes

The minutes from the April 5, 2016 meeting were presented for review. There being no comments, questions or corrections and upon motion properly made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously accepted as distributed.

Review and Discussion of Mailing to Physicians and Update of School-Based Mental Health Care Conversation

The Chair reviewed the Committee's progress to date on these two short term goals and commented on the need for further refinement.

Regarding the letter to the physicians, it was reported that Staff is finalizing the database for rural Family Practice and Pediatric physicians. The revised draft letter was distributed to Committee members for additional comment. Its purpose and the attachments to be affixed are intended to serve as an educational process to expand the utilization of the evaluation tool in assessing the adolescent patient. Following discussion, no additional revisions were suggested.

Regarding school-based mental health care activity, DHMH representatives have been invited to address the Committee. Last meeting, Dr. De Pinto, Medical Director Office of Population Health Improvement, discussed her responsibilities and identified other groups involved in the process. Staff is continuing efforts to secure additional speakers from the State Department of Education as well as identify contact points in the groups mentioned by Dr. De Pinto.

Featured Guest Speakers

Ms. Adele Foerster, Chief Credentialing Officer with the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB) presented a power point program on her agency's certification program and the role of the non-physician advanced practitioner in efforts to address the shortage of primary care and mental health professionals in the State.

Dr. Karan Kverno, Director, Post-Graduate PMHNP Program at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and a Committee member, discussed the PMHNP-BC program. In her power point presentation, she highlighted the American Association of Colleges of Nursing guidelines for baccalaureate and graduate-degree nursing programs as well as recruitment issues in rural areas.

After the formal presentations, there was extended discussion on the two programs and their distinctions. The PNCP certification program seemed to address the advanced degree practitioner who has developed skills based on work experience whereas the University setting to be the course for the practitioner who is seeking to add a core specialty. Also discussed was the role of regulation as was the

feasibility of a pilot project for training/or certifying advanced degree providers in mental health. It is difficult to get practitioners to move into rural areas. One pilot could identify individuals who are interested in getting the additional credentials. Among the suggestions advanced were to contact the Maryland Board of Nursing and the Nurse Practitioners Association of Maryland for their input on this issue. In closing the discussion it was suggested that an RMC representative consider attendance at the upcoming Maryland Assembly of School-Based Health Care Centers Annual Conference.

There being no further business to be brought to the Committee's attention, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:41 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 7, 2016, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm