VAYA Health Provider Advisory Council

September 15, 2021 APPROVED Meeting Minutes

VIRTUAL MEETING

**Present (total): 65**

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| PAC Attendees | | PAC Voting Members | | Vaya Health Center Staff |
| Annette Kirkland  Brad Ward  Bridget Cain  Carla Hill  Cindy Davis-Bryant  Cindy Lowe  Christopher Robbins  Darren McGlocken  Darren Staley  David McGrady  Donna Roberts  Erica Rawls  Erin Lesher  Fred Nirde  Glenn Crider  Greta Byrd  Janus Kuesel  Jeff Phillips  Jen Waite  Jenelle Wressell  Jessica Tewell  Karin McDaniel  Kelly Hatfield  Katie Goetz  Krista Engles  Lauren Garner  Loray Munigray  Lynda Cowan | Lynn Manning  Maggie Farrington  Maia Collier  Mary Ann Widenhouse  Matt Gannon  MeLane Barber  Michael Crooks  Mikalia Mills  Nancy Holder  Nathan Johnson  Patra Lowe  Peter Godfrey  Ron Ross  Sonia Pits  Steve Brown  Thaddeus Dowson  Vicky Pressley  Wesley Starling  Tina Woody  Yvonne French | Sarah Dunagan  Amy Sills Jones  Anthony Devore  Cindy Fisher  Dawn Kelley  Don Buckner  Duncan Reid  Erin Bowman  Joel Brickner  Michael Maybee  Sherry Douglas  Teagan Brown |  | Tommy Duncan  Judith Kirkland  Carrie McCracken  Andrew D-Onofrio  Jesse Smathers |

**1. Standing Items**

* 1. **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting – Amy Sills Jones**

Just a reminder all PAC documents and business is posted to My Committee. Anyone needing assistance accessing My Committee can reach out to Amy Sills Jones or Tommy Duncan.

David McGrady made a motion to approve August 2021 Minutes, Teagan seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

* 1. **Approve Agenda – Amy Sills Jones**

Sherry Douglas made a motion to approve the agenda. Michael Maybee seconded. All in favor. Agenda approved.   
Scheduled end time: 10:12 AM

1. **Council Business** 
   1. **IDD Workforce Position Paper**

Greta Byrd reviewed the IDD position paper that described the workforce crisis within the IDD service industry. The group discussed changes and updates needed for the document. An email vote of the paper will be sent to the voting members of the PAC. Once approved the paper will be sent to regulatory and advocacy organizations and staff. Greta and her committee were praised and thanked for the hard work on this project.

Sarah reported the MH/SU white paper has been submitted to various positions in leadership in VAYA and throughout the state. The paper has received praise and attention for the accuracy and detail of the struggles within the industry.

1. **VAYA Business and Updates**
   1. **Updates- Judith Collins**

Judith reports that nine Cardinal counties will be consolidated with VAYA in April 2022. Staff will be joining VAYA in December of 2021. Judith states new staff are required for consolidation and implementation of tailored plan. Judith hopes that things will roll out without many changes. VAYA is making an effort to include all counties within communication practices.

New tech platforms will be forthcoming. VAYA hopes the have instructions and training coming soon.

A new power point template for the PAC will be coming each month, so more up to date information is available to the PAC every month.

**3.2- Covid Flexibilities**

Carrie McCracken presented that Covid flexibilities continue including Innovations Appendix K.

Increased rates will continue through the end of September 2021. There is discussion to carry out rate increase until end of 2021, more information to come.

Hardship payments have ended. If additional federal dollars come forth, VAYA will re-evaluate need to reinstate hardship payments.

**3.3- Other Topics**

Discussed tobacco regulations and how it effects agencies where services are integrated with non-disabled workforce. There is a resource to anyone under the age of 30 who wants to quit smoking and earn money, uvmquitsmokingstudy.org

Providers discussed how agencies were implementing Covid vaccine for staff and persons served. Discussed the potential for vaccine mandates and testing.

Scheduled end time: 2:34 PM

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1. **Announcements and Follow Up**

**4.1.** Edit report

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**Date and Location of next meeting** – **Amy Sills Jones**

PAC retreat will be held virtually on October 20th starting at 10am

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**4.2. Future Events** - **Amy Sills Jones**

None at this time

**4.3 Parking Lot Items** - **Amy Sills Jones**

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