



CONNECT III
Steering Team
May 18, 2020
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions: Gabrielle and Jeana
 - a. Participants (15): Lisa Palazzo, Gabrielle Hall, Jeana Bracey, Tim Marshall, Joy Kaufman, Beresford Wilson, Nan Arnstein, Grace Grinnell, Sarah Gibson, Ann Smith, Michelle Riordan-Nold, Michael Scanlon, Cheri Bragg, Ally Kernan, Steve Rogers
2. CONNECT- where we left off—Tim
 - a. See powerpoint slides regarding history of CONNECT goals and outcomes from SAMHSA-funded Planning Grant through Implementation and Expansion Grant 2013-2019
3. CONNECT III – new grant deliverables—Lisa
 - a. See powerpoint slides
4. CONNECT III Roles and Functions—leadership and governance structure--Tim
 - a. See powerpoint slides
5. Steering Team—Role and Function—Tim
 - a. See Powerpoint slides
 - b. Primary function of this group is to bring your expertise and connections to help advance the expansion and sustainability of CONNECT activities, spread awareness of the initiative, and inform our work with efforts happening in other sectors and groups you are involved in.
6. Where to Learn More
 - a. www.connectingtocarect.org (replaced WrapCT.org), includes brief animated videos about components of the CONNECT initiative, information for families and providers about their local Community Collaboratives and Care Coordination services
 - b. www.plan4children.org includes all archived information from development of the Statewide Behavioral Health Plan for Children, current policy and systems information from the Behavioral Health Plan Implementation Advisory Board, and details regarding all CONNECT workgroup activities and documents.

- c. www.healthylivesct.org provides general health and wellness resources and information for all citizens of CT—adults and children

7. Questions & Next Steps

- a. Target efforts: 1) youth/young adults with first episode psychosis (FEP), and 2) suicide prevention activities
- b. Dr. Rogers—request to send powerpoint; wants to emphasize suicide prevention and needs for kids age 10-14 with increasing suicide rates.
- c. Ann Smith—question for how to most effectively share information between meetings and are we able to track suicide attempts and completed suicides specific to rise in deaths of young black males?
 - i. Last 15 years averaged 8 deaths annually, are planning for higher rates, sharp increase in attempts in two recent quarters (among Husky users specifically). 40% or more of Medicaid/Husky users are not reporting race/ethnicity. National data shows increase in suicide among black males, data is not determined for CT, but an area to be mindful of.
 - ii. Will address communication structure at next meeting for working between quarters.
- d. Sarah Gibson—what kind of timelines are established regarding when the Steering Team would need to deliver any feedback or recommendations.
 - i. No concrete deliverables for steering, but there are ongoing opportunities to provide input throughout activities.
 - ii. Let us know what we are missing; ideas for recruiting more youth and young adults; how to more effectively impact state level infrastructure and activities, etc.
- e. Ann Smith—consider creating a communications portal to keep all documents
 - i. Plan4children.org website has functioned as the place for all communications to be stored. New information will be clearly marked and branded with the new Connecting to Care logo. Logic models, workplans, and schedule of activities are being updated and we report on them quarterly and annually.
- f. Next steps for CONNECT team—send out powerpoint slides, newsletters. Next meeting will focus more on communication structure and role of members.

**Next Virtual Meeting:
Monday, June 22, 2020, 3-4pm**