

FREDERICK COUNTY Substance Exposed Newborn Group
07/25/2019
MEETING MINUTES
Frederick County Health Department
Frederick, MD 21702
Meeting Begins at 2:30pm
Entrance C – CORE Conference Room

Present: Susan Muchemi, Jessica Chausky, Kaylin Corsiatto, Jan Sparks, Amanda Cody, Santila Prather, Felicia Brinson, Jim Miller, Kaitlin Morris, David Brewster

I. Welcome and Introduction of new members

- a. All members introduced themselves and new members welcomed

II. Child Fatality Review (CFR) and Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)

- a. Jan Sparks, coordinator of CFR and FIMR came to present on the two quarterly meetings. Explained that FIMR cases do not include identifiable information, while CFR cases are identifiable and read about in the news.
- b. Jan invited members to the meetings and invited DSS to come to FIMR to present on their new START program.

III. SEN updates/Discussion on materials for the task force project

- a. Reviewed completed project, which included group stigma cards, mental health magnets & behavioral health cards.
- b. Since the task force project has been completed, roundtable opened to discuss what could be accomplished next.

IV. Roundtable – ALL

- a. DSS representatives explained their upcoming START program. This program consists of a social worker and a peer recovery specialist. The department is currently working on hiring the peer recovery specialist. This program is for moms with a SEN who voluntarily want to begin treatment. The anticipated start date is sometime in September.
- b. Jan Sparks suggested that DSS do a presentation on START that follows the stigma training Peter Brehm does to OBs and pediatricians.
- c. A challenge brought up by social worker, Kaitlin Morris was that when case workers such as herself meet a mom with a SEN at the hospital for the first time, there is the perception that she is from CPS and there to take away the child. This false perception causes moms to be less willing to work with DSS, rapport is much more difficult to build, and the precious 30-day case period is slowed down immensely by explaining the process and building trust.

- d. It appears that it would be very helpful to train maintenance providers, OBs, support groups and other professionals on what actually happens when a mother delivers a SEN at the hospital. If professionals are able to explain to their clients what to expect when they deliver, it is believed that moms will feel much more at ease when a social worker shows up at the hospital for their assessment.
- e. The group would like to focus on the above issue as our next project. DSS to explore options and share at next meeting.

V. Adjourn

Next meeting: September 26th, 2019**Health Department's CORE conference room

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