



BHPOC Work Group on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Behavioral Health

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Agenda

May 3, 2022 11:00 AM via ZOOM

The BHPOC is committed to creating to an environment that provides equal access to behavioral healthcare in a culturally competent capacity, with particular attention to social and racial justice.

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Yvonne Jones, Kelly Phenix, Alice Forrester, Brenetta Henry, David Kaplan, Marissa Bayer, Selma Ward, Stephney Springer, Karen Siegel, Bonni Hopkins, Mark Vanacore, Bernie Park, Lois Berkowitz, Jaya Daptadar, Donyale, Pina, Jim Lisher, Sean King, Heather Gates, Ron Winstead

I. Governor's workforce behavioral health committee report

- Presentation by guest, Bernie Park, Social Venture Partners, Ben Stang and Jim Lisher
- Presentation attached
- Quarterly meetings are recorded and on their website
- 19 initiatives under way
- DEI is overarching priority and there is a committee in place
- Focus on engaging all partners in employer driven regional sector approach to address the needs in the state
- 50+ people serving on committee representing education, employer, state and community partners to advise on root causes to the problem and identify solutions
- Goal: train 2000 individuals in short term allied health care roles that have been

- identified by employer partners as being in demand
- Twenty letters of support from employer partners and 12 community colleges providing the educational training opportunities
- Three certifications of focus: Community Health Workers, Social and Human Service and Peer Support Specialist
- Funding opportunity: Career Connect
 - Designed to meet urgent need for short term training.
 - Targeting marginalized and underserved populations
 - Grant underway to train 2000 individuals in short term training in healthcare roles
- Funding opportunity: ARPA
 - Tuition, Faculty and Loan Repayment
 - Intention is to open up the bottleneck in the workforce
 - Cost, certification, credentials
- Cost of higher education, certifications, licensure, field placement and supervision time are barriers
 - Focus on motivating and providing incentives for employer partners
- Tuition reimbursement
 - DPA has a loan repayment program for working in a health professional shortage area
- Discussion around clarifying language in Bill #5001
 - Funding
 - Dates

II. Next Steps

None discussed.

III. New Business, Announcements, Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 11:00 AM via ZOOM