Governors Challenge Meeting  
-Meeting Minutes-  
February 20th, 2020 – 9:00 am  
95th Troop Command, Ft Harrison, MT. 59636

Present:  
Col Gregory Olson            Robert Connell  
Kelly Ackerman               Heather Zimmerman  
Claire Oakley                 Megan Cox  
Megan Grotzke                 Elizabeth Crabtree  
Robert Mortenson              Taryn Phillips  
George Wolcott

Guest:  
Matt Hiser, DPPHS

Welcome  
The Governor’s Challenge Meeting began at 9:00 a.m. with a welcome from Col Olson and introductions.

Discussion Topics:

Funding:  
• Funding proposal document to be presented to Director Hogan and MG Quinn has been drafted by Zoe Barnard and shared in a teleconference meeting on February 19, 2020. Col Olson explained the document for discussion (see attached document).
• Board Certification for the VA training was not approved. More information about the board’s decision can be found in the BBH FB Minutes from February 7, 2020.
• Updates to the document were added during the meeting.

Subgroup Breakout:
• Elizabeth Crabtree presented the final survey results for discussion.

Decisions Made:
• Survey participants need to be called to be asked more questions.  
  o Kelly Ackerman will compile a list of participants to be called and distribute that list to the members of the Peer to Peer Support Sub-Group.
  o Elizabeth Crabtree will create a script for the calls.
  o Each of the members of the Peer to Peer Support Sub-Group will call their group of people, record the results and send the results to Taryn Phillips or Kelly Ackerman by March 15th, 2020.

Next Meeting:  
The next Peer-to-Peer subgroup meeting will be on March 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Taryn Phillips will arrange a conference room in the HAFRC Building in Fort Harrison.

Adjournment:  
Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
House Bill 696 Funding Proposal

Presented to Sheila Hogan, Director, DPHHS and Major General Quinn, Montana National Guard by the members of the Governor’s Challenge Committee

February 25, 2020

1. Universal Screening (Lewis and Clark and Yellowstone Counties)

$100,000 will be split between Helena and Billings federally qualified health centers. This money will be distributed through existing contracts, to one to two contractors per county. Each entity must submit by March 6, 2020 their intent to participate, and by March 31, 2020 their plan for use of $25,000 to $33,000 (depending on number of awards), which must include:

- a plan to implement universal screening, including Ask the Question, systemwide
- a plan for Native American engagement

If the system already does this or the amount of money more than covers the need, then the entity may propose:

- Implementation of warm handoff and/or safety planning upon positive screen;
- Follow-up contact;
- Lethal means counseling;
- Clinical/care pathways specific to the primary care setting; and/or
- EHR modifications to augment implementation of the care pathways to include Ask the Question and resource/referral.

The plans will also include a requirement for deliverables. The money will be distributed in April contingent upon a solid plan that includes minimum overhead/administrative costs.

2. Peer to Peer Support (Lewis and Clark County)

$50,000 will be directed to the Lewis and Clark County Health Department through the existing master agreement, assuming that the agency can agree to 5% overhead/administrative costs and to provide all deliverables as listed below. They will subcontract to meet the following objectives:

- Provide scholarships for 10 service members, veterans, or family members of service members to attend Peer Support Training and, post-training, be certified and register with the VA and/or Vet center to provide Certified Behavioral Health Peer Support Services;
- Contract to create recruiting/advertising materials; and
- Create informal Peer to Peer training toolkit.

The deliverables for this project will be:

- Documentation of receipts and certification of training completed/10 additional individuals as formal peers;
- Marketing toolkit, print, social media, radio advertisements, Ability to pull number of individuals recruited for peer programs post campaign advertisement; and
- Completed recommended toolkit (electronic), training of groups/train the trainer (to include travel, location, trainings)
3. Resource and Referral (Yellowstone County)

$75,000 will be directed to Yellowstone County Health Department through the existing master agreement or to Yellowstone County. Payment will be contingent upon meeting all requirements for deliverables and upon meeting a 5% administrative/overhead cost for the project. They will subcontract with an entity of their choice to meet the following objectives:

- Establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among 2-1-1’s Northwestern, Central, Southeastern, Southwestern and Western Regions to ensure efforts to populate local resources are equitable across regions and mutual consent and approval is given by all regions for the project plan and timeline
- Establish a team of 2-1-1 representatives and leadership from each region to communicate with the Governor’s Challenge group on a quarterly basis regarding progress of the project
- Update the 2-1-1 resource database identifying resources throughout the state and cross-populate the CONNECT database whenever possible
- Work with CONNECT staff to develop co-branded education and marketing campaigns for 2-1-1 and CONNECT – all materials produced will include information about both platforms
- Establish a 2-1-1 Counts- Four iCarol system
- Provide resource information and referral opportunities to the citizens of Montana
- Collaborate and develop a partnership with CONNECT referral system by:
  - Sharing CONNECT information with all newly-added 2-1-1 resources in order to cross-populate resources whenever possible
  - Providing an updated list of newly-added 2-1-1 resources to state-level DPHHS CONNECT staff on a monthly basis in order to promote cross-population
  - Exchanging local and regional contact information for 2-1-1 and CONNECT staff across Montana in order to promote communication and enhance support of the population of resources available on both platforms
  - Working with CONNECT staff to educate any interested parties about the CONNECT Electronic Referral System, including call centers that may want to offer direct referrals to non-crisis 2-1-1 callers via CONNECT using the sign-by-text option to complete the Release of Information
  - Allowing CONNECT staff to participate in outreach training events
  - Working with CONNECT staff to ensure both platforms are using the same language for “Ask the Question” regarding SMVF status.

The deliverables for this project will be:

- MOU signed and project plan approved by an authorized representative from each of the 2-1-1 regions: Northwestern, Central, Southeastern, Southwestern and Western Regions
- Regular communication with CONNECT staff at DPHHS and across Montana demonstrating progress toward the shared goal of populating both platforms with resources
- Documentation of the number of phone calls and website requests received by 2-1-1 region, county, and zip code
• Number of resources added to the database by 2-1-1 region and shared with CONNECT staff for cross-population
• Number of staff added for management of 2-1-1 database
• Number of co-branded outreach training events conducted
• Number of attendees for the co-branded outreach events
• Number of co-branded promotional and marketing items produced for 2-1-1 and CONNECT including print, radio, television, web, social media, or other
• Identify the top 2-1-1 resources requested by individuals
• Identify the number of 2-1-1 crisis calls
• Identify number of 2-1-1 SMVF callers
• Number of counties with an increase in resources added to the 2-1-1 database

My signature asserts that I approve this funding plan contingent upon all deadlines and deliverables being met:

Sheila Hogan, Director, DPHHS  
2/26/2020  
Date

Major General Quinn, Montana National Guard  
2/26/2020  
Date