



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

**Task Force on School Mental Health Meeting
Subcommittee on Need Determination**

DATE: Monday, January 22, 2018
 LOCATION: Department of Behavioral Health
 64 New York Avenue NE – Room 284
 TIME: 9:15 am – 11:00 am

Task Force Members

Appointee	Task Force Seat Designation	Attendance	Designee	Attendance
Deitra Bryant-Mallory	District of Columbia Public Schools	Not Present		
Councilmember Vincent Gray	DC Council - Committee on Health	Not Present		
Councilmember David Grosso	DC Council - Committee on Education	Not Present	Katrina Forrest	Present
Michael Lamb	Non-Core Service Agency Provider Representative	Not Present		
Nathan Luecking	Department of Behavioral Health School Mental Health Program (SMHP) Clinician	Present		
Taiwan Lovelace	Department of Behavioral Health Mental Health Program Clinician	Present		
Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt	Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Designee	Not Present		
Chioma Oruh	DCPS Parent Member	Not Present		
Michelle Palmer	Non-Core Service Agency Provider Representative	Not Present		
Marisa Parrella	Core Service Agency Provider Representative	Not Present		
Scott Pearson	Public Charter School Board	Not Present	Audrey Williams	Present
Juanita Price	Core Service Agency Provider Representative	Present		
Dr. Olga Price	School Mental Health Expert	Present		



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Dr. Tanya Royster	Department of Behavioral Health	Not Present		
Dr. Heidi Schumacher	Office of the State Superintendent of Schools	Present		
Chalon Jones	Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) Designee	Present		
Molly Whalen	Public Charter School Parent Member	Not Present		

Additional District Government or DCPCSB Staff Present

Name	Role	Office or Agency
Sakina Thompson	Facilitator	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health & Human Services
Denise Dunbar	Staff	Department of Behavioral Health
Barbara Parks	Staff	Department of Behavioral Health
Charneta Scott	Staff	Department of Behavioral Health
Erica Barnes	Staff	Department of Behavioral Health
Carrie Grundmayer	Staff	Department of Behavioral Health
Robin Carr	EDI Presenter	Office of the State Superintendent of Education
Christina Crayton	Staff	Office of the State Superintendent of Education
Jocelyn Route	Staff	Department of Behavioral Health
Meghan Jaka	Staff	Department of Behavioral Health

Public Attendees

Name	Role	Organization
Laura Dallas MsCorely	EDI Presenter	Raise DC
Rachel Sadlon	Public	GWU - Center for Health and Health Care in Schools
Mark LeVota	Public	DC Behavioral Health Association
Michael Long	Public	GWU - Milken Institute School of Public Health



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AGENDA

I. Welcome & Introduction

II. Goals for Today's Meeting

- A. Revisit and complete answer to “why we want a need determination” question.
 - 1. Purposes previously discussed:
 - (a) allocate DBH resources and
 - (b) to inform matching schools with resources
 - 2. Other reasons?
 - (a) Prioritize phase in/implementation
 - (b) Inform Evaluation

III. Presentations & Discussion

- A. Early Development Instrument (See attached EDI Presentation and handouts)
- B. Youth Risk Behavior Survey (See attached YRBS Presentation)

IV. Recommendation Options

A. General Discussion

Looking at the schools in which DBH places their SMHP clinicians, all but one are located in high need schools. This answers the question about whether there is an equity problem with SMHP resource allocation.

There is a difference between “at-risk” and “potential risk”. A need determination requires student level data and school capacity information. A need determination could tell us something about prioritization – what schools have high risks? Do those schools have resources? What does the YRBS tell us about students’ needs?

Maybe we need to consider a low/high split, as our current population level data may not have the nuance needed for low/medium/high.

Need determination has a number of different aspects:

- 1. What can data tell us about the likely level of BH need in each school?
- 2. What resources does the school have already to help meet that need?
- 3. What is the remaining unmet need?
- 4. What is the level of school readiness to meet the need?



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B. Does the OSSE At-Risk formula, by itself or in combination or as checked by attendance, Primary Project or YRBS?

OSSE At-Risk ranking includes:

- TANF/SNAP eligibility
- Children in foster care
- Children experiencing homelessness
- HS students 1 year or more older than expected

Dr. Schumacher: Because OSSE doesn't have any student level BH data, suggest keeping IEP data. We need to consider what we can measure today, and what we can measure in the future.

Dr. Price: Suggest looking at suspension data, which if 5% or more (data shows up to 35%) in and of itself is a problem, and informs school culture and decision-making. In-seat attendance not sensitive enough; would need to use chronic absenteeism or truancy data.

Michael Long: Both the EDI and YRBS data can show us citywide prevalence of BH needs that can be compared with available resources to determine the delta, i.e., the need.

Juanita Price: The YRBS is based on student self-report, which is both its strength and its weakness.

Nathan Luecking: We need a birds-eye view that is a relatively accurate way to understand the need. Each school, however, is like a family. And it takes time being on the ground to understand and be able to describe the need.

V. Next Steps

The Subcommittee will provide written responses to the below questions as a way for the Subcommittee to distill its thoughts:

1. What measures do we want to use for initial need determination?



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2. What is the threshold or method to divide the results into low/high or low/medium/high?
3. Once we have a distribution of the need across schools, how does the presence or absence of resource to meet that need factor into our ultimate decision of how to use the need determination in allocating certain resources, such as DBH staff and CBOs?
4. What measures do we want to put into place in year 1 that will give us better, more student-specific, or school-specific, or other measures for a revised need determination for future years?

Any comments regarding these meeting minutes may be sent to Sakina B. Thompson at sakina.thompson@dc.gov.