

OMNI TA Newsletter

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DBHDS Q&A Zoom Session Recap

Several members of DBHDS's OBHW team provided updates and responded to questions during a live Zoom session earlier this month. We appreciate the time and participation of so many DBHDS and CSB staff who helped make this format successful. Below are a few key takeaways from the discussion:



- **Top priorities** for DBHDS include:
 - Ensuring CSBs are supported and successful
 - Focusing on problem areas of Alcohol, Tobacco and Suicide Prevention/Mental Health
 - Spreading prevention messages
- **80/20 funding allocations** for state identified vs. community identified strategies:
 - 80% of BG prevention funds should go towards the state-identified strategies
 - Collectively working on these across Virginia will allow us to see more progress towards outcomes
 - Reach out to Keith/Colleen if you have questions about your funding breakdown
- **ACEs Interface** virtual Training of Trainers is being developed and coming soon
- **Counter Tools** is allowing for flexibility and grace around meeting requirements
 - Safety is important! You do not need to resume retailer visits at this time if safety is a concern for your staff
 - Do not worry if visits didn't happen in 2019-2020, or are not able to happen now
 - No penalties for increases in state rates for 3 years due to Tobacco 21
- **Lock and Talk** trainings are available if needed - reach out to [Nicole Gore](#)
- **ASIST and safeTALK** trainer trainings are on hold, and LivingWorks is granting a grace period for certification lapses
- **Virtual MHFA** does require a \$23.95 fee for participation
 - DBHDS can assist with covering fees - contact [Mike Olsen](#)

More topics and information were shared, so if you weren't able to attend, please review the recording, found [HERE](#).

Coalition Assessment Webinar Recap

Thanks to all who attended our September Zoom Meeting to introduce you to the updated Coalition Readiness & Effectiveness Assessment tool and process. Here are some important points and resources from the presentation:

- The recording of the Zoom meeting, PowerPoint slides PDF, Coalition Assessment paper survey, toolkit, and codebook are all uploaded to [box.com](#) in the Block Grant Coalition Assessment Video and Supporting Documents section of the OMNI TA Resources for CSBs folder.
- The online version of the assessment is ready for you and your coalition to use! It is available electronically through the survey platform Qualtrics, and the link is in the toolkit.
- To test or preview the survey, please use this preview link only: [PREVIEW](#)
- Starting January 1, each CSB will be provided with an Excel spreadsheet with all survey responses to-date. The spreadsheet will automatically be uploaded to box.com in your CSB folder called Coalition Assessment Data quarterly. If you need data sooner, reach out to our team.
- A report with charted and graphed scores is in development. When ready, this will be automatically



Other points that you may find helpful:

- The goal is to have at least 75% of your membership complete the survey each time.
- All CSBs should administer at least one baseline assessment in FY2020-21.
- Allow a minimum of at least 6 months between assessments.
- Members taking the survey should not be brand new to the coalition and the coalition should have been together 4-6 months or more.

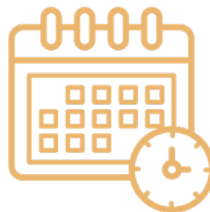
OMNI can also provide additional TA or Training around coalition development, life cycles, or using results. Please reach out to OMNISupport@omni.org to explore options.

News You Can Use



Request for SOR Success Stories!

DBHDS and OMNI are seeking SOR prevention success stories! To submit a success story, please login to the Virginia Prevention Works portal to submit a story. Or, click [here](#) to direct you to the online survey. We look forward to reading more about the great work in your community!



Evaluation Roadmap Reminders

We are past the Evaluation Roadmap 08/31 due date, please work with your TA to wrap up your Logic Model, Measurement Plan and DEP. Do not enter FY 20-21 Strategies into the Plan Channel without approval from your OMNI TA. Plan Channels need to be approved by **Sept. 15th!**



Learning Opportunities

DBHDS's Office of Behavioral Health Equity has a series of Trainings on the Black Community & Mental Health. Click [here](#) to sign up for upcoming trainings. You may also click [here](#) to join DBHDS's email list to receive notifications for upcoming events and trainings.

Community Spotlight

New River Valley launches latest "Dissect & Connect" Podcast episode!

New River Valley and the Montgomery County Prevention Partners recently released the latest episode of the Podcast series *Dissect & Connect*. In episode 33, *Suicide in America*, they are joined by Dr. Jonathan Singer and Colleen Creighton of the American Association of Suicidology as they talk about some of the contributing factors to suicide – including access to firearms – as well as the need for more timely data. Check it out on [iTunes](#) or [Spotify](#)!



Important Dates

September 15, 2020

- FY20-21 PBPS Plan Channel approval due date

October 5, 2020

- Work begins on FY20-21 SOR Evaluation Roadmap

November 13, 2020

- FY20-21 SOR Evaluation Roadmap completed

December 4, 2020

- FY20-21 SOR Plan Channel set up for OMNI review

December 18, 2020

- FY20-21 SOR Plan Channel approved by OMNI

Quick Links:

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