



2022/2023 Contract Year - Annual Report

Family Satisfaction Team at HopeWorx Inc. (FST) Montgomery County

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A YEAR IN REVIEW



Family Satisfaction Team (FST)

632

families contacted

238

participants surveyed across 4 projects

- 174 parents
- 64 youth

project reports submitted to county

- 2 PHP reports 1 per provider
- 1 AIP report aggregate
- 1 FBS report aggregate
- 2 MST reports 1 per provider

summary infographics delivered to

providers + county

• PHP, MC Family Peer Pilot, AIP, FBS, MST

provider reports delivered to

providers + county

• 2 PHP, 6 AIP, 8 FBS, 2 MST

provider presentations delivered to providers

• 2 PHP, 6 AIP, 7 FBS

other QI presentations delivered

- 1 Joint Quality Management (JQM) Presentation
- 1 Blended Case Management (BCM) presentation at County's Annual Provider Meeting

newsletters shared with families

quarterly reports submitted to county

Team Update

FST added a new member to the team this year. FST is currently comprised of 2 research specialists, 1 research assistant, and 1 program supervisor. All team members bring with them unique professional and lived experience.

Advocacy

FST participates in several advocacy coalitions/groups. FST also established several processes for collecting, tracking, and sharing advocacy concerns with the county. System-wide feedback collected by families is also shared at monthly county meetings.

Partnership/Collaboration

FST works with others in the community to connect families to resources/events and inform families of other opportunities to share their voice at both the state and local level. During the vear FST provided administrative support to teams within HopeWorx, local agencies, and statewide workgroups.

Newsletter

A fall, winter, and spring issue of the FST newsletter, In the Loop was released during the fiscal year. It communicated results to families and shared events, updates, resources to share families' voice within the community.

Satisfaction Survey Projects



2022 Partial Hospitalization

- 99 parent + 24 youth were surveyed in the 2021-22 FY
- Provider reports were delivered to the county and provider presentations/reports were delivered to both providers in Q2
- Overall, families were mostly satisfied with PHP but responses about effectiveness were mixed

2022 Inpatient Hospitalization

- 39 parent + 27 youth were surveyed
- Provider presentations were delivered in early 2023 to align with outreach for the 2023 Inpatient Survey
- · FST introduced the new Closing the Loop process
- · Families identified a need for more community support connections during/after inpatient, outreach sessions between FamilyWorx and providers were conducted

2022 Family Based Services

- 84 parent + 10 youth surveys were completed
- · Overall, families were mostly satisfied with FBS. Families felt their FBS team communicated in a way that exemplified cultural competence, respect, and transparency. Parents highlighted how FBS helped their family understand how they interact with one another
- · However, many parents reported the duration of FBS was not long enough. The most prominent themes identified was a need for more targeted discharge preparation and connections to community supports

2022/23 Multisystemic Therapy

- 36 parent + 7 youth surveys were completed
- Overall, families were satisfied with MST. The most prominent theme identified in feedback was how supported parents felt by their MST therapist and wanting to be connected to community supports/resources
- It was unclear the extent of which families are satisfied with specific aims of MST such as diverting out of home placements and facilitating connections to other child-serving systems

Projects in progress... 5



2023 Inpatient Hospitalization

- · Youth interviews are conducted in the facility (via in-person interview or paper survey) for the first time
- · As of July 1, 15 parent and 20 youth surveys were completed

2023-25 Residential **Treatment Facility**

· Project plan was submitted and approved by the county

2023-24 Intensive Behavioral **Health Services**

· Provider utilization data was coordinated with OMCS and MBH and was received in June 2023

Program Update

Throughout the 2022/23 contract year, FST remained committed to amplifying family voice in ways that foster collaboration between families, providers, and community stakeholders. While the FST program prioritized cultivating a trauma-informed and supportive workplace atmosphere during its first contract year (2021-2022), the 2022-2023 priorities of the program were to continue to completion of survey projects/reports, preserve and strengthen connections with families, service providers and community stakeholders, and connect with other C/FSTs across Pennsylvania. To accomplish these aims, two FST team members were promoted from Research Assistant to Research Specialist to reflect the increase in responsibility across team members. To assist with workflow, FST added one full-time research assistant position to the team in February 2023.

Surveys and Reports

Adolescent Youth Inpatient (AIP) Satisfaction Survey

Background

The Family Satisfaction Team (FST) is contracted to annually survey Montgomery County families to measure satisfaction with youth psychiatric inpatient services. Inpatient psychiatric services are 24/7 hospital-based treatment services for children and youth who are experiencing crisis and whose treatment needs cannot be managed safely within the community. The aim of inpatient hospitalization is acute stabilization and to facilitate a return to the least restrictive environment appropriate. Recommendations based on 1) Family feedback, 2) PA CASSP Principles, and 3) SAMHSA's Principles of Trauma Informed Care, are advanced to providers via a written provider report. Following report delivery, FST meets with providers to highlight findings as well as to discuss the potential implementation of recommendations. FST also provides an aggregate report to the county to highlight areas of strength and improvement as well as recommendations.

2022 Update

An aggregate report was delivered on November 18, 2022. Six provider reports for the 2022 survey were delivered to providers in January 2023. Provider presentations occurred in February and March 2023, in alignment with the 2023 Youth Inpatient Satisfaction Survey timeline. Based on families expressing the need for increased community support connections, outreach sessions between FamilyWorx and providers were scheduled. Additionally, program information and flyers were shared with all providers.

2023 Update

Methods

Upon completion of initial outreach meetings with seven providers, three tools were revised: one for parents, one for youth (ages 14–18), and one for children (ages 13 & under). Based on provider feedback, an additional survey was prepared for youth with intellectual and development disabilities. Item response scales were modified to reflect a visual analog scale (facial expressions) to facilitate accessibility of the survey. Montgomery County children/youth up to age 18 (and their parents/caregivers) with PA HealthChoices as either their primary or secondary insurance who are discharged from AIP services at any of the seven county-designated facilities from April 1, 2023, until September 30, 2023, are invited to participate in this survey. Youth aged 14 and older within the facility are eligible to participate in the survey as close to their discharge date as possible. Surveys are conducted telephonically or in person with the youth in the facility. Children 13 and under are permitted to complete a simplified version of the youth survey only if their parents are present and accompany them while completing the survey over the phone. Children 13 and under in facilities are not permitted to complete the survey unless their parents have given consent. Magellan Behavioral Health (MBH) through Montgomery County supplies basic contact information, date of discharge, and demographic information of those eligible for

inclusion on a weekly basis. Families are contacted via telephone up to a maximum of twice unless otherwise arranged. Surveys are completed via telephone or online via SurveyMonkey.

At the time of preparation of this report, 89 families are eligible to participate. Twenty parents/caregivers, 22 youths (aged 14+), and two children under age 13 completed the survey. Feedback has been collected across 36 families. The data collection period will close after the last weekly discharge is received for youth discharged by September 30, 2023.

Family Based Services (FBS) Satisfaction Survey

Background

Family Based Services (FBS) is a 32-week intensive in-home and community-based therapy program for children and adolescents at risk for out-of-home placement and higher levels of care. FBS aims to divert youth from out-of-home treatment and strengthen family relationships and dynamics through therapeutic intervention, crisis planning, improving coping skills, and implementing community support. The purpose of the 2022/2023 Family Based Services Satisfaction Survey was to gather feedback from parents/caregivers and youth about their experiences with Family Based Services (FBS) pertaining to the extent to which families perceived the service to be successful at diverting out-of-home placements, strengthening family relationships and dynamics through therapeutic intervention, crisis planning, improving coping skills, and building a supportive network in the community. Data collection began September 16, 2022, and ended January 31, 2023.

Methods

Upon completion of outreach with FBS providers, two survey tools were created: one for parents/caregivers and one for youth (aged 14-18). Parents/caregivers of children up to age 18 and youth ages 14 to 18, who resided in Montgomery County, were eligible to participate if they o received FBS for at least six consecutive months from eight county designated FBS providers between May 1, 2021, until January 1, 2023. Basic contact information, date of contact, and demographic information of those eligible for inclusion were supplied by MBH through Montgomery County. Families were contacted via telephone twice unless otherwise arranged. Surveys were completed via telephone or online via SurveyMonkey. Data collection began on September 16, 2022, and ended on January 31, 2023.

Findings/Discussion

259 families were eligible for participation. 84 parents/caregivers and 10 youths completed the survey. Areas of highest satisfaction included the FBS team's interaction with the family. Families felt as though the FBS team was respectful, culturally competent, and trustworthy. Areas with lower satisfaction included connections to community supports and discharge preparation. Overall, 94% of parents would recommend FBS to other families. 73% of parents indicated they were either "Satisfied" or "Very Satisfied" overall with FBS.

Recommendations advanced included 1) Sharing survey feedback with staff 2) Revisiting discharge preparation, and 3) Continuing to foster community partnerships & network building. The 2022 FBS Survey Aggregate Report was submitted on May 31, 2023, and individual provider reports were submitted on April 28, 2023. Individual provider presentations occurred between May 2022 and June 2022. Based on families expressing the need for increased community support connections, outreach sessions between FamilyWorx and providers were scheduled. Additionally, program information and flyers were shared with all providers. Providers have submitted work plans (See pg. 9, *Closing the Loop*) to the county highlighting how they will incorporate family feedback into service delivery.

Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Satisfaction Survey

Background

Multisystemic Therapy (MST) is an evidence-based therapy delivered in the home/community specifically for youth who have (or are at risk of having) involvement with the Juvenile Justice System. The purpose of the 2022 MST survey was to report the extent to which parents/caregivers and youth perceived the services to be successful at reducing youth antisocial behavior, out-of-home placements, and improving functioning. Additionally, it assessed families' perception of the effectiveness of MST with respect to empowering families to build networks within the community. Overall satisfaction with the service in addition to families' perception of MST being delivered in a trauma-informed manner was also reported.

Methods

At the project's inception, parents/caregivers of Montgomery County children/youth and youth aged 14-18 with PA HealthChoices as either primary or secondary insurance, who received MST for at least three months from either Child Guidance Resource Center (CGRC) or KS/MST, and began services between April 2021 and October 2022, were eligible to participate in the survey. Data collection began in December 2022 and was scheduled to end in March 2023. Due to a low response rate, and in coordination with MST therapists via provider contact, data collection was extended through early April 2023. Eligibility requirements (e.g., duration of service, discharge status) were relaxed to encourage more participation. Those who were currently receiving MST were eligible to participate. One major barrier identified by FST was gaps in up-to-date contact information for families. Of the identified families potentially eligible to participate, several had contact information that was inaccurate (e.g., out-of-service, wrong number) or missing. To compensate, FST coordinated mailing letters to all families who were unable to be contacted via telephone. In addition to the barrier of contact information, FST observed a greater than usual volume of youth involved with MontCo Office of Children and Youth (OCY). FST coordinated to obtain contact information for youth involved with OCY. Contact information provided by some case workers did not result in more participation in the survey. FST is appreciative of the county's coordination between FST and OCY. FST is eager to explore alternative means of partnering with OCY to ensure that youth involved in this child-serving system have the opportunity to provide feedback about services received.

Findings/Discussion

170 families were eligible for participation. 36 parents/caregivers and seven youths completed the survey. Areas of highest satisfaction included the MST therapist's interaction with the family. Parents felt the MST therapists were respectful and culturally competent. Areas of lower satisfaction included MST preparing the family for managing crisis situations and connections made to community supports. 83% of parents were either "Satisfied or "Very Satisfied" overall with MST.

Recommendations included 1) Sharing survey feedback with staff 2) Exploring out-of-home placements, and 3) Continuing to foster community partnerships & network building. The 2022 MST provider reports were submitted on June 14, 2023. Individual provider presentations occurred in July 2023. Based on family-expressed need, outreach sessions between FamilyWorx and providers were encouraged. Additionally, program information and flyers were shared with all providers. Providers have submitted work plans (See pg. 9, *Closing the Loop*) to the county regarding how family feedback will be incorporated into service delivery.

Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) Satisfaction Survey

Background

Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) are a combination of behaviorally focused services and supports delivered in the community. IBHS is typically recommended for youth whose behavioral health needs would

not be met in outpatient therapy. IBHS are delivered by a Behavioral Consultant (BC), Mobile Therapist (MT), and/or a Behavioral Health Technician (BHT). IBHS may consist of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA). Additionally, IBHS may be individually-based, group-based, or center-based. During the 2023-2024 FY, FST is contracted to survey families about their experience with IBHS. Provider utilization data was coordinated with OMCS and MBH and was received in June 2023. A project plan is scheduled for delivery in August 2023.

Other Projects Related to Family Voice and Engagement

FST continues to work in conjunction with others in the community to connect families to resources/events in the community and inform families of other opportunities to share their voice at both the local and state level. FST does this by offering administrative support to teams within HopeWorx, local agencies, and statewide workgroups. These efforts are highlighted below:

Provider and Community Stakeholder Partnerships

FST created flyers for local events (e.g., Zoo Day, Hope Healing Harvest Day), statewide surveys (e.g., MHPC – IBHS Survey for Parents and Providers), and fundraising initiatives (e.g., 2022 HopeWorx for the Holidays Drive). FST also currently serves as a collection point for various internal (e.g., FamilyWorx Satisfaction Survey) and statewide (e.g., MHPC- IBHS) survey projects. FST has maintained contact with other community stakeholders (e.g., Garrett Lee Smith Grant for Suicide Prevention Team) to explore potential projects possible in the future.

Mobile Crisis Pilot

As a direct result of feedback gathered in the 2021 Mobile Crisis Satisfaction Survey, a pilot project was created with the purpose of connecting families to real-time parent peer support during contacts made to Mobile Crisis. The Mobile Crisis/Family Peer Support pilot, funded through a grant from the VNA Foundation, launched on March 1, 2022, and provided access to 24/7 real time family peer support to families who were utilizing services of Mobile Crisis. The pilot concluded on August 31, 2022. The pilot connected FamilyWorx with 26 parents/caregivers of youth. FST created and distributed a satisfaction survey to all eligible families. Ten families completed the survey. Families highlighted how helpful it was being connected to another parent as well as resources and supports. A summary infographic was created and shared with FamilyWorx and Mobile Crisis.

Youth Support Partner

Per the RFP agreement, both FamilyWorx and FST were tasked with hiring a consultant to help to determine how youth peer support could be utilized successfully within the family program at HopeWorx. In March 2023, HopeWorx contracted with Marissa MacKeverican. Marissa has experience as a Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPS), has worked on Hi-Fi teams, was the Youth Support Coordinator for Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, and currently serves as the Community Support Program (CSP) Coordinator with NAMI Bucks County PA. Marissa met with key members of FST and FamilyWorx to develop a scope of work and interview questions. In June 2023, Marissa conducted five semi-structured interviews with individuals who had worked in various youth peer support roles to gather feedback on their perspectives on what is needed for sustainable success in their role in a youth peer program. Interviews were transcribed and analyzed via thematic coding by FST. Outreach with providers and youth may be conducted to gather additional information.

Mental Health Planning Council (MHPC) of PA IBHS Access Survey

The Mental Health Planning Council (MHPC), a part of OMHSAS, was tasked with collecting data statewide from families and providers regarding barriers to IBHS delivery. In collaboration with the MHPC IBHS taskforce, FST assisted in survey creation, dissemination, and facilitated the creation of all official flyers. FST

also serves as the collection point for all data on this initiative, housing statewide data collected from the survey until the survey ends on August 7, 2023, for families and August 31, 2023, for providers, at which point FST will hand over the data to the MHPC for analysis. If the MHPC requires any additional assistance in analyzing the data, FST will collaborate.

Support Group Survey

FST has supported FamilyWorx Parent/Caregiver Support Group by serving as a collection point for satisfaction surveys from those who attended or signed up for the support group. Upon analyzing the findings, FST created an infographic for FamilyWorx, highlighting families' overall satisfaction and suggestions. Overall, families were appreciative of the support group and for the administrative work that goes into facilitating the support group (e.g., reminder emails, etc). Families offered suggestions such as guest speakers and pre-identified themes/topics.

The Satisfaction Team Coalition of Pennsylvania

FST serves as the organizer of the Satisfaction Team Coalition of Pennsylvania, which consists of county-mandated satisfaction teams across the state. FST independently sought to connect these survey teams with the goal of increasing support for C/FSTs across the state, and for bridging opportunities to share data to advocate for systems change for individuals and families navigating the behavioral health system in Pennsylvania. The mission of The Satisfaction Team Coalition of Pennsylvania is to amplify the voices of people accessing behavioral health services by uniting Satisfaction Teams and collaborating with stakeholders to affect positive change within the system of services.

In its first eight months as a group, the coalition has developed a mission and vision statement as well as statements of values and who we are. The coalition is working in tandem with local and regional CSPs to support CSP efforts for advocacy during the planned September 27th March on the Capitol in Harrisburg, PA. A distribution list is regularly updated with opportunities for C/FSTs to engage in statewide advocacy efforts. For example, the coalition submitted a public group comment on concerns regarding an amendment in the Inpatient Psych Regulations that proposed a tool (i.e., Pixi Scale) be employed in all inpatient psychiatric hospitals to measure satisfaction with services. The coalition has also utilized the distribution list to share statewide data collection efforts (e.g., MHPC IBHS survey). FST, representing the Coalition, has facilitated two introductory meetings with OMHSAS Department of Bureau of Policy, Planning, and Development, to introduce our Coalition, our aims, and to inquire about where state-mandated question data is housed within OMHSAS. It is unclear how this standardized information is being utilized at the state level. The coalition has also demonstrated interest in collaboration with PMHCA on their data collection initiative funded by OMHSAS. The coalition meets monthly and is reflective of all counties in PA except for two counties who were not interested.

FamilyWorx BTS survey & HopeWorx for the Holidays Drive

Acknowledging the unique economic challenges of families, the HopeWorx for the Holidays Drive launched in October 2022. FST created a needs assessment survey, enabling families to identify needs (e.g, food, clothing, gifts) for the holidays. Families of 87 Montgomery County children and teens applied for support. Due to the overwhelming success of the drive, the program was expanded to include a back-to-school drive for the fall of 2023, as well as another holiday drive which is planned to begin in October 2023. Another needs assessment survey has been created and disseminated to families.

FST Community Newsletter: In the Loop

FST created *In the Loop: Newsletter of the Family Satisfaction Team* with the aim of facilitating communication with families, sharing families' voices and experiences within the community, and relaying findings from FST surveys back to the community. Parents/caregivers and youth are encouraged to contribute articles, artwork,

and other pieces. Newsletters are tri-annually released via email to stakeholders in Montgomery County and families who have joined the distribution list. FST continues to release the newsletter electronically to 152 subscribers. The October 2022 issue included resources, community resources, information regarding future projects, and an article highlighting AdvocacyWorx at HopeWorx Inc. The issue also included back to school as well as mental health resources related to the return of the school year. Also included were upcoming projects, recipes for families and a spotlight article on AdvocacyWorx at HopeWorx. The article featured who they are, their mission is, what is offered, and how to get connected with the AdvocacyWorx team. In the February 2023 issue featured an article written by a parent, events for black history month, and family resources. The issue also included updates on FST projects, survey results and an article on the IM4Q program at HopeWorx. The June 2023 issue included community events (past an upcoming) and different resources/events for Juneteenth and Pride Month.

Incorporating Family Feedback into Service Delivery: Closing the Loop Process

In conjunction with Montgomery County Office of Managed Care Solutions (OMCS), FST has reinstated a final step in the QI process, aptly named *Closing the Loop*, wherein family feedback from surveys are incorporated into services. FST worked alongside OMCS to revise the process. FST also met with providers to explore what would be a reasonable process that providers could commit to. The finalized *Closing the Loop* process is as follows: upon FST review of project findings with providers (typically in discussion/PowerPoint presentation format), providers are required to submit a written goal plan outlining one to three areas of strength as well as one area of improvement. An action plan and timeline are created by the provider and submitted to Montgomery County OMCS within two weeks of reviewing survey findings with FST. After all providers have submitted their *Closing the Loop* form, FST will prepare an update for family members on the feedback being incorporated in service delivery. This update will be shared in the following issue of the FST newsletter.

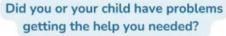
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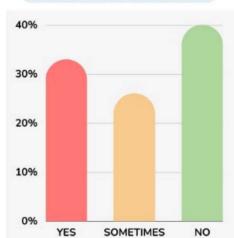
While discussing strategic planning for the family teams at HopeWorx, team members identified financial barriers to accessing certain supports and activities that they felt could improve their wellbeing, improve job performance, and decrease burnout. In response to suggestions from the team, a mental health fund for team members was established in November of 2022. The purpose of the mental health fund was to provide partial reimbursement for self-care activities or therapeutic copays not otherwise covered through HopeWorx. Team members worked together, outside of regular work hours (on their own time), to create and sell various craft items and custom jewelry pieces at vending fairs and online. All profits from the sale of items are donated to the fund for reimbursements of self-care activities requested by team members throughout the year.

Pennsylvania Performance-Based Contracting Questions

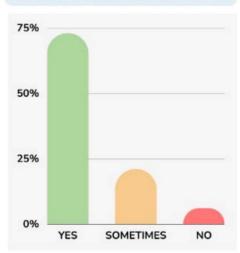
Three state-mandated Performance-Based Contracting (PBC) questions are included in every satisfaction survey conducted by C/FSTs. These questions were designed to obtain information about individual and families' overall experience with behavioral health services available in the community. FST reports the cumulative results to the county on a quarterly basis. The PBC results for 2022/2023 fiscal year are based on data provided by 221¹ survey respondents.

PENNSYLVANIA PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTING QUESTIONS



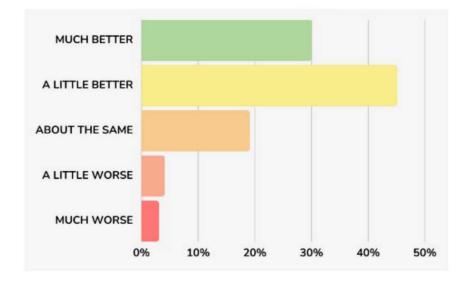


Were you and your child given the chance to make treatment decisions?



What effect has the treatment your family received had on your child's quality of life?

The quality of my child's life is:



¹ Individuals are permitted to skip any question in the survey. Therefore, not all individuals who participated in FST surveys respond to all three state-mandated questions.

2022/2023 Contract Year Attendance



County Meetings

- · County/FST Monthly Meetings
- Joint Quality Management (JQM)
- Advocacy Coalition Meetings
- Montgomery County System of Care (SOC) County Leadership Team
- Interagency Council of Norristown (ICN)



Workgroup Meetings

- Mental Health Planning Council
- Bucks Mont Collaborative
- HealthSpark Community of Practice
- CSP Meetings
- C/FST Collaboration Meetings
- MHPC IBHS subcommittee meeting



HopeWorx Meetings

- · Weekly staff meetings
- Monthly Department head meetings
- Inter-team collaboration meetings
- Weekly FST individual & group supervision
- · Weekly Family Teams group supervision
- · Monthly Trauma Team meetings
- · Monthly HopeWorx Fundraising Committee
- HopeWorx Board Meetings



Trainings Attended

Trauma-Informed Care

- Trauma for Youth & Young Adults
- Trauma, Attach(e)ment & Resilience A Conversation
- Montgomery County Four-Part Trauma Series (Part 1)
- Understanding ACES on the Journey to Adulthood: A Panel Discussion with Youth Peer Advocates

LGBTOIA+

- Collecting Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)
- Gender Identity, When do Children Know, and much more: The Nuances of LGBTQ+ and Mental Health
- · Neuroqueer Complexities Training
- The + In LGBTQ+: When Your Youth Comes Out As Asexual
- Developmental and Clinical Implications of the Sexual Minority "Closet"

Community Services

- · Laurel House Information Session
- · Your Way Home Presentation

Legal

- · HIPAA Awareness for Business Associates
- · Is There Justice in our Juvenile Justice System?

Cultural Competency & Inclusion

- Black History Month Panel Discussion: Housing, Homelessness, and Food Programs
- Black History Month Panel Discussion: Education, Financial Institutions, and Employment
- Black History Month Panel Discussion: Law Enforcement,
 Policing, and Community Advocacy and Organizing
- NTTAC Event: Addressing Racism in Youth Mental Health Services
- Serving an Underserved Population: Peer Support, Disability, and Mental Health
- DEI Speaker Series: Leading with Courage: Breaking Through Barriers and Persevering Through the Challenges

Employee/Organizational Wellness

- Wellness Training Series: Positive Psychology in the Workplace
- · Taking Time For Yourself: Wellness in the Workplace
- McLean Hospital ENCORE: Apply ACT Principles to Your Daily Life

Other

 Where's the Data? An Overview of The Behavioral Health Services Information System (BHSIS)