Annual Charter

**Executive Summary:**

This peer group serves to convene behavioral health leads from area health centers to support one another in the accomplishment of the below goals. The Primary Care Association will serve as convener of the peer group and provide logistical and administrative support in the pursuit of the peer group’s goals. The Behavioral Health Peer Group will meet bi-monthly to address issues affecting our work, communities, health centers, and patients. This peer group will be a space of support and non-judgment as we continue to grow and strengthen the services we provide to our communities.

**PARTICIPANT HEALTH CENTERS:** A Health Center, B Health Center, C Health Center

**CHAIR(S):** Jane Doe, B Health Center

**HOST:** C Health Center – 1234 Sesame Street Easytown, USA 56789

**Goals:**

1. Complete Integrated Behavioral Health (IBH) Foundations Training

* A full-day in-person (two-day or multiple sessions) foundational training on IBH model. PCA to lead with content direction by peer group members and facilitation of particular sessions by peer group members if members are interested.

1. Policy Brief on IBH Model

* Paper would describe the IBH model in the community and document its impact, to be distributed to stakeholders to inform policy development and resource allocation

1. Behavioral Health (BH) Workforce Development

* Share best practices for recruitment and retention of BH staff at health centers. Build relationships with schools and programs that can enhance the pipeline. Share information on staffing ratios and caseload to inform collective best practices.

1. Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Workforce

* Support next steps from OUD Navigator, Care Coordinator implementation

1. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Harm Reduction

* Understand current health center services for SUD harm reduction, share best practices and challenges, and conduct training(s)

1. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion

* Share current MAT best practices and challenges among peer group members to support further expansion of this service

1. Pain Management Services

* Share best practices and resources for supporting patients in seeking pain management support

1. Alcohol Abuse Services

* Understand current health center services for alcohol abuse, share best practices, and conduct training(s)

1. SUD Screening and Treatment for Pregnant Women

* Share best practices and conduct trainings on how to screen and treat SUD for pregnant women

1. Families and Caregivers

* Share best practices and conduct training(s) on how to help families and caregivers of those with mental health or substance use diagnoses

1. Chronic Disease Management via BH

* Explore short-term and billable interventions. Currently, behavioral modification and lifestyle modification are hard to do for clients without a mental health diagnosis.

1. BH Coding

* Policy push for z codes to be used (Right now need DX to get paid).
* Training on BH coding best practices
* Training on billing dual eligible patients

1. Local Resources or Guest Speakers