



**Passaic County Mental Health Board
January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Members present:

1. Robert Nolan
2. Nanette A. Armenta
3. Jeannette Pimentel
4. Paula Tedesco

Members absent:

1. Arnell Perez
2. Julie Rikon
3. Ramon Pagan

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Mr. Nolan, Chairman of the Mental Health Board. Meeting was held via videoconference.

Also present was Brenda Browne, Director of the Passaic County Mental Health and Addiction Services, Nataly Balah, Passaic County Mental Health and Addiction Services Administrative Assistant, Cynthia Gatica, Program Analyst for NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and from the public: Ratna Joshi-Nelson and Peggy Lore.

A motion was made by Ms. Tedesco, second by Ms. Armenta to open the public portion of the meeting. Motion passed.

Mr. Nolan made the announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Public didn't have any inquiries.

A motion was made by Ms. Armenta to close public portion, second by Ms. Tedesco. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Tedesco to approve the December 2, 2020 meeting minutes, second by Ms. Armenta. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Staff Report (See Attachment 1)

New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Program Analyst Report (See Attachment 2).

Professional Advisory Committee Report. None – Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Reports of Special Committee: The Bid Review Committee scored on the Request For Proposal for Jewish Family and Children Services of Northern New Jersey to provide Case Management Services with a total of 90/100 points.

A motion was made by Ms. Tedesco, second by Ms. Pimentel to award the RFP to Jewish Family and Children Services of Northern New Jersey. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Ms. Browne explained the renewal eligibility of contracts for Mental Health agencies.

A motion was made by Ms. Tedesco, second by Ms. Armenta to ratify the electronic vote for the Growing Edge LLC. Motion passed. Ms. Pimentel abstained.

A motion was made by Ms. Armenta, second by Ms. Tedesco to approve CY2021 Spending Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: N/A

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ms. Armenta, second by Ms. Tedesco. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Attest:

Brenda Browne

Secretary

Nataly Balah

Administrative Assistant

**County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Staff Report
Mental Health & Addictions Updates**

January 2021

- Jenna Atmeh was hired for the Municipal Alliance Coordinator position.
- Cindy Mercado was hired for the Mental Health and Addiction Health Educator position.
- Hope One van progress was reported to be due by the end of January.
- Current trends in Addiction and Behavioral problems in the County to be resolved by the Collective Impact Council, comprised of local providers.
- Jail Medication Assisted Treatment “known as MAT” program will be extended till June 30, 2021.

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Program Analyst Monthly Report for January 2021

1. S-Cope offered a coffee talk zoom topic on "**Sexuality in Long Term Care**". The presenter was Nicole Brown. It was provided on **Monday, January 4, 2021 and will be Wednesday, January 6, 2021**. Time slot from: 12:00 noon - 12:30pm. (**30 minute session**). Please keep your eye out for upcoming S-Cope trainings.
2. There will be a series of PATH trainings coming up starting on the fourteenth of January, please see the attached flyer.
3. The CSS meetings for January and February will be monthly. A meeting invite will be sent out shortly. We will revisit meeting bi-weekly again starting in March.
4. Commissioner Carole Johnson will be leaving us to join the Biden-Harris transition team for the White House COVID response team. Her last day at the Department will be January 15th to take on this new role with President-elect Biden.
5. In regard to the Covid Vaccine, the vaccine phases are largely determined by the federal government. Group homes will not be included with LTCFs (in phase 1a), but adult group homes will be included in either 1b or 1c. The CDC issued new guidance yesterday, 12/20/20. The Department of Health will review the new guidance, so updated information will be forthcoming. Please refer to the CDC for more detailed information on this subject
6. Kim Worthington, who is responsible for the SUD contract funding schedule, will also become the point person for the Contract Information Management System (CIMS) and will be responsible for ensuring that contract information, e.g. budgets and other technical CIMS requirements, are uploaded timely and accurately. Her CIMS-related duties will revolve around improving the communications and tracking of contract documentation within the CIMS database.
7. STCF Covid Learning Community training, please see the attached power point and register at the link <https://dmhas.dhs.state.nj.us/CME/Register>
8. The Division's Information Technology staff will be providing webinar-based training on the BEDS System, which will allow you to access information on Short

Term Care Facility bed availability. You may recall, prior to the state of emergency, we provided a brief update on the recent Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA), Transformative Transfer Initiative (TTI) grant award. These trainings will be offered on:

January 11, 2021 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

<https://njdhs.webex.com/njdhs/onstage/g.php?MTID=ecb65cb39ede7bb9a981d935a91b0a2b7>

January 14, 2021, 10:00 AM to Noon

<https://njdhs.webex.com/njdhs/onstage/g.php?MTID=e583e356bdec8c1841561a50b7feeceec>

9. SJH has 6 involuntary beds on Regan 2.
To access these beds, please call the Passaic County Screening Center at 973-754-2230.



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