



**Passaic County Mental Health Board
January 4th, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Debbie O'Brien, Robert Nolan, Paula Tedesco, Julie Rikon, Nanette Armenta, Jeanette Pimentel

Others in Attendance: Bart Chou, Jenny Vuksic, Shannon Ferray, Jean McMurray, Vito Andrisani, Justin Winfrey, Nicole Digiore, Roger

Members Absent: Jennifer Castaneda-Ardizzone

Members Excused: Ramon Pagan

Open Public Meetings Law:

- a. Announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act
- b. Public Portion of the meeting.
 - i. Public portion of the meeting was opened. Motion made by Paula Tedesco and seconded by Julie Rikon
 - ii. Roger raised three questions to the board:
 - i. Would it be beneficial to attend the meetings and provide updates on **NAMI? Yes**
 - ii. Any plan to move the meeting to time and to in-person? **Not now**
 - iii. What is the status of the bid for early intervention support services in Passaic County? **Comprehensive Behavioral Health Care**
 - iii. Public portion of the meeting was closed. Motion made by Debbie O'Brien and seconded by Julie Rikon

Approval of Minutes: Approval of December 7th Meeting Minutes. Motion made by **Nanette Armenta** and seconded by Debbie O'Brien

Reports:

- a. **Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Report:**
 - i. Office of Recovery, Vito Andrisani, Program Manager
 - i. IDRC (Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center) continued services, prepared to have in-person and virtual 12 and 48 hour classes
 - ii. Office of Recovery providing services for the youth and co-occurring services between mental health and addictions
 - iii. Goal for Office of Recovery is recovery, wellness, education and awareness
 - ii. New Board Member Appointments to be sent to Passaic County Commissioners

- iii. Mental health goal for the year is to focus on behavioral for youth
- iv. At least once a year, bring all committee members together (MHB, LACADA, CIACC, PAC, PACADA, etc.)
- v. Working on bringing Municipal Alliance and Stigma Free together
- vi. Comprehension Plan for Addictions completed last year
- vii. Received 444 responses on the Needs Assessment

b. **New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Program Analyst Report:** None Reported

c. **Professional Advisory Committee Report:** None Reported

Old Business: Electronic vote for CIACC Bylaws approval to be sent

New Business: Group Chat for meeting reminders and additional form of communications

Correspondence: None Reported

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:03 PM motioned by Nanette Armenta and seconded by Debbie O'Brien.

***All meetings will be held via videoconference until further notice. Please contact Shannon Ferray at shannonf@passaiccountynj.org for details about attending**

Submitted by Jean M. McMurray