



**Passaic County Mental Health Board
October 5th 2022 Meeting Notes**

Members Present: Robert Nolan, Julie Rikon

Others in Attendance: Lindsay Lugo, Bart Chou, Cynthia Gatica, Justin Winfrey, Shannon Ferray

Members Absent: Jeanette Pimentel

Members Excused: Nanette Armenta, Ramon Pagan, Paula Tedesco, Jennifer Castaneda-Ardizzone, Debbie O'Brien

Open Public Meetings Law:

- a. Announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act
- b. Public Portion of the meeting
 1. No Public Members present

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes to be held at next meeting with quorum

Reports:

- a. **Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Report:**
 1. County has secured funding for a Trauma-Informed Training, Seeking Safety, for our County's service providers and agencies. 50 seats for CEU's were offered
 2. CIACC By-Laws will be reviewed and revised by MHB
 3. Electronic Vote will be conducted on the proposals for St. Joseph's and CSPNJ.
- b. **New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Program Analyst Report:**
 1. Open Access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Homeless Shelters – The successful bidder to this RFP will initiate medication for SUD and maintain the individual on that medication or transition the individual to a community provider. Total funding is \$2,975,000 up to seven (7) awards of up to \$425,000 each. No mandatory Bidders Conferences are required. Instead, any questions are to be submitted by September 30th. In order to apply there needs to be an intent to apply letter by October 14th. Proposal due October 21st.
 2. LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program) Department of Law and Public Safety chose the following 6 municipalities to apply for a pilot program: Phillipsburg, Irvington, Elizabeth, New Brunswick, Brick and Bridgeton. Deadline for Applications are October 31st.

3. BIPOC Peer Dialogue Wednesday Oct. 19th 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM. Perspectives from peers in the BIPOC Community for trainings and education to focus on best practices, policy development and cultural support.
4. Annual Suicide Prevention Conference, Oct. 12th. Virtual all day event 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Keynotes are Amy Kennedy from The Kennedy Forum, and Kevin Hines who is a survivor, story teller and filmmaker.
5. State-wide ICMS Meeting Wed Oct. 19th 10:00 AM
6. Virtual Mental Health Awareness Trainings – Flyers to be distributed as each month's schedule is posted.
7. Portal – State of New Jersey would like public input on how the Opioid Settlement Funds should be used. The Portal is open August 31st through October 31st. [Opioid Settlement Funds \(nj.gov\)](https://opioidsettlementfunds.nj.gov).
8. NARCAN Emergence Solutions can provide schools and colleges with free NARCAN kits.

c. **Professional Advisory Committee Report:** Meetings have resumed, no report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 6:26 PM.

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

Submitted by Shannon Ferray