



**Passaic County Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
February 5, 2020 Meeting Report**

Members present:

1. Evan Covello
2. Linda Doering
3. Michele Shell
4. Jenny Sierra
5. Paula Tedesco

Members absent:

1. Ronna Bouton
2. Heather Batten
3. Humberto Maravi
4. Le'Var Starr
5. Lia Travers
6. Jennie Vega

Also present was Brenda Browne, Director Passaic County Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Representative from CARE PLUS NJ Certified Peer Support Specialist, Gabrielle McQueen.

The Chair brought the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Discussion was had regarding quorum. It was noted that the following members have been absent from the past several meetings: Heather Batten, Humberto Maravi, Le'Var Starr, Lia Travers, Jennie Vega. There was not a quorum present. It was an informational meeting only.

Report of Mental Health & Addiction Services Director--(See Attachment 1)—Ms. Tedesco inquired if the CCP will be published. Ms. Browne informed the committee it will be once final approval from DMHAS to publish. Ms. Tedesco inquired about the plans for Upper Passaic County Intensive Outpatient Program. Ms. Browne reported that surrounding county agencies were informed the RFP was published. Ms. Sierra inquired about the status of New Life Recovery Center and if they were still in operation. Ms. Browne informed the committee this information was not known at this time.

Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Professional Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse – (See Attachment 2)
- b. County Alliance Steering Subcommittee (hereafter "CASS") Report—None
- c. Nominating Committee—None

Report of Special Committees: Discussed the Addictions proposal review meeting for 3/9/2020. Members to inform Ms. Browne if they are able to attend.

Old Business: Discussed the approval of the revised 2020 Addictions spending plan taken by electronic vote. Six for, 0 opposed, Motion passed.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM.

Attest:

/ s / Brenda Browne, Acting Secretary

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

February 5, 2020

- Our proposal to DMHAS for the Innovation Award is under review.
- The County Comprehensive Plan has been approved by the State and we received our 2020 contract.
- Mental Health and Addiction RFP's were posted. MH bids are due 2/20/2020 and Addictions are due 2/21/2020
- MH Advisory Committee under the Chief Justice has been convened.
- NJ Disaster and Terrorism Branch responded to mass shooting in Jersey City and thin ice drowning deaths in NJ.
- IDRC-Spanish Curriculum launched and classes can be in all Spanish.
- Legislation regarding funding for overdose fatality review teams
- In February, there will be a statewide media campaign through ReachNJ.
- MAT Jail grant contracts being signed and processes are moving forward.

**Passaic County Mental Health and Addiction Professional Advisory Committee
(PAC/PACADA)
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2020**

Present

Pauline Simms, SERV	Concetta Schilt, Doors Into the Future
Kathleen Fisher, St. Mary Hospital	Danielle Granados, SJHMC
Joanne Green, MHA	Robin Murray, NJCDC
Tess Medina, Clara Maass	Bob Parker, NewBridge Services
Sybil Schreiber, MHCP	Juliet Quiles, CSPNJ
Tracey Waldman, ISI	Annette Wright, Social Connections
Cynthia Gatica, DMHAS	Tracey Dwan Blash
Le'Var Starr, PCDHS	Brenda Browne, PCDHS
Kaitlynn Turre, Straight & Narrow Inc.	Enrique Sangama, Preakness Healthcare Center

Others Present

Kathleen McKenna, Adult Family Health Services
Kristina Bloodgood, New Hope
Deidre Lonza, New Hope
Henry Balzani, Wayne Alliance

Excused

Sarah Friedland, VOA Northern NJ

Agenda

1. **Call to order** – Pauline Simms called the meeting to order at 2:12pm.
 2. **Minutes** – Motion to approve minutes by Sybil Schreiber of Mental Health Clinic of Passaic, seconded by Enrique Sangama, Preakness Healthcare Center.
 3. **Staff Report** – See attached report.
 4. **SRC** – No meeting in December. Next meeting January 23, 2020.
 5. **DMHAS Report** – See attached
 6. **PAC Discussion** – None.
 7. **Announcements** – Tess Medina stated that Clara Maass will be offering ECT treatments. Joanne Green announced that CIT training will be held April 13th – 17th at the Passaic County Community College Public Safety Academy.
 8. **Open Public Portion** – Dr. Henry Balzani does lectures about Prevention and Education for addictions in Passaic and Bergen County.
 9. **Other Business** – Elections of officers for PAC/PACADA, nomination for chairs were Concetta Schilt for PACADA and Kathleen Fisher for PAC.
 10. **Adjourned** – Joanne Green motioned to adjourn, Concetta Schilt second. Meeting adjourned at 3:16pm.
- Next meeting date: February 19, 2020**