



**Passaic County Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
April 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Members present:

1. Heather Batten
2. Ronna Bouton
3. Evan Covello
4. Linda Doering
5. Humberto Maravi
6. Jenny Sierra
7. Lia Travers
8. Paula Tedesco

Members absent:

1. Le'Var Starr
2. Jennifer Vega

Also present was Francine Vince, Director of the Passaic County Human Services Department, Donna Huber, Passaic County Municipal Alliance Coordinator.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Francine Vince, Passaic County Department of Human Services Director brought the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Ms. Vince made the announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Ms. Tedesco and second by Mr. Covello to open the public portion of the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

There was no public present.

A motion was made by Mr. Covello and seconded by Ms. Bouton to close the public portion of the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bouton corrected the announcements (page 3), it was Ms. Batten not Ms. Bouton who made the announcement.

A motion was made by Ms. Doering and seconded by Ms. Bouton to accept the amended March 6, 2019 Meeting minutes.

Motion passed with two (2) abstentions (Evan Covello and Humberto Maravi).

Ms. Vince provided the Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Report in Brenda Browne's absence (See attached).

Report of Standing Committees
County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Staff Report
April 3, 2019
Mental Health & Addictions Updates

- County Division of MH and Addiction Services is planning a youth conference around anti-bullying, suicide prevention and anti-stigma.
- Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) & Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) Trainings are available. To schedule, please call 609-438-4235 (see flyer).
- There is a new DMHAS Director of Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Discussion about the need to learn more about the deaf and hard of hearing services in each county. MH Administrator to invite our counterparts to the Professional Advisory Committee mtg. DMHAS and Medicaid will look into whether interpreter services are reimbursable through Medicaid and FFS.
- Media awareness campaign about opiate use disorder will be kicking off soon. The campaign will be promoting Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT).
- State and federal funds will be allocated to every jail across the state for case mgmt. and MAT. Each jail has different infrastructure. Val will be relying on Addictions Administrators to move this initiative forward. Funds will be distributed proportionate to size and population of the jail. RLI to come out in the next few months.
- DMHAS was awarded an additional \$11 million toward the opioid response.
- Question arose about Narcan provided to inmates upon release from jail.
- 11,000 inmates in the jail statewide. 90% may be in jail between 24-48 hrs.
- New IDRC curriculum includes MAT and has been well received. The Intoxicated Drivers Program (IDP) will be doing new curriculum reviews at agencies. Spanish curriculum coming out shortly and being finalized. Affiliation Agreements for next year coming soon.
- There is a backlog in the DOH Office of Licensing due to staffing issues.
- Medicaid is all set for July 1 for the roll out for reimbursable peer specialists. There will be a group rate and individual rate. As long as the services are billed through a reimbursable clinic, they are reimbursable (this includes peers that work in the field). Supervision for peers must be a licensed clinical staff.
- Case mgmt. may not roll out on July 1. There will be regulations but not before July 1, 2019.
- Office Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT)—Discussed some of the barriers in primary care medicine as it relates to addiction treatment. There will be Navigators who will serve to link the person with resources in the community. Information about the Rutgers trainings for prescribers was sent out to providers.
- Individuals will be able to see the MAT provider as often as needed. Prescribers can be reimbursed at the Medicare rate which is more.

Report of Standing Committees
Professional Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Report (See attachment 1)

County Alliance Steering Subcommittee (hereafter “CASS”) Report

Ms. Huber provided a brief history of the Municipal Alliance Program to the new members.

Ms. Huber reported that the FY2020 County Alliance Plan was received by the State. The GCADA expects to have County Municipal Alliance Plans before the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse at the May 21st meeting for approval, and a July 1, 2019 start date.

Ms. Huber reported that at the GCADA State Alliance Coordinator’s meeting, the next planning cycle was discussed. The County Alliance Coordinators were informed that although the planning process is still fluid, it is expected that trainings, the needs assessment process, and planning phase will begin in the next several months for the Alliances. The next grant cycle should begin in FY2021.

Ms. Huber reported that nineteen (19) Teen Summit PSA videos were submitted for scoring. At the May 17th, 2019 Teen Summit the students will present their PSA’s and the five (5) highest scoring schools will receive \$500.00 sponsorship to expand their initiative.

There was no Special Committee report.

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Election of Officers

Ms. Vince informed the Committee that election of officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary) was necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Covello and seconded by Ms. Batten to elect Paula Tedesco Chairperson, Humberto Maravi Vice Chairperson, and Brenda Browne Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Vince reminded the Committee, since RFP’s were not received during the initial RFP (Request for Proposal) process with a due date of February 7, 2019, the following projects were put out for re-Bid (RFP – 19-010) with a due date of March 15th.

- Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Outpatient (OP) Lower Passaic County
- Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Upper Passaic County
- Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Lower Passaic County
- Halfway House (HH) Male
- Halfway House (HH) Female
- Recovery Support Services
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

After the re-Bid Ms. Vince reported that RFP’s were not received for the following services:

- Outpatient (OP) Lower Passaic County

- Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Lower Passaic County
- Halfway House (HH) Male
- Halfway House (HH) Female

The RFP's that were received were reviewed by the Proposal Review Committee on March 27, 2019. The Committee provided a "Proposal Review Committee Report" with funding recommendations. The LACADA reviewed the Report (Attachement 2).

A motion was made by Ms. Tedesco and seconded by Ms. Doering to approve the Proposal Review Committee Report and recommendations to award services.

Motion passed unanimously.

There was no correspondence.

A motion was made by Mr. Covello, and seconded by Ms. Bouton to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Attest:

/ s / Donna Huber
Acting Secretary

**Passaic County Mental Health and Addiction Professional Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2019**

Agenda

1. **Call to order** – Pauline Simms called the meeting to order at 2:06pm.
2. **Minutes** – Approved, motioned by Linda Doering, second by Tess Medina
3. **Staff Report** – Attached.
4. **SRC** – Last meeting was February 21st. There was a presentation from coordinate specialty care. It was discussed that Clara Maas had difficulty with the length of stay and transporting patients. PI projects try to improve county discharge in hospitals.
5. **DMHAS** – Attached.
6. **PAC Discussion** – Mental Health Clinic: Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) was the week of March 11th. They had approximately 45 people in attendance.
-Straight and Narrow has extended their detox walk-in hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-2pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm.
Pauline Simms mentioned that the committee need to appoint a new chair for PACADA who would serve as a co-chair to the committee. Joanne Green nominated Sam Pirozzi, he declined the nomination. Linda Doering nominated Bert Baldassarra, Sam Pirozzi seconded. All members were in favor, Bert Baldassarra was appointed as the new co-chair.
There were concerns about The Office of Licensing’s delayed process in processing licensing applications.
7. **Announcements** – MHA is hosting “Fitness 4 Mind & Body on April 6th 11am-2pm at Totowa Public Library.
United for Prevention in PC: “Tackling Opioids through Prevention for Athletes” training. Please contact Dr. William Kernan at kernanw@wpunj.edu
-NJACCHO presents Opioid & Bloodborne Pathogen Transmission Vulnerability Project on April 12th 12pm-1:30pm at William Paterson University, Student Center room 216.
-The Drug Monitoring Initiative (DMI) Drug Recognition Course: May 7th at 8:30am-3:30pm, located at the Passaic County Prosecutor’s Office, 30 King Rd, Totowa, NJ.
- Straight and Narrow will be hosting an addictions event “Addictions Break the Cycle” on April 9, 2019 at PCTI at 6pm-8:30pm
Ammon Foundation: Workshop programs including life skills training. She also mentioned the Ammon Foundation may pay for school/training for those in recovery. Please contact Cindymarie Dix for more information.
8. **Open Public Portion** – None
9. **Other Business** - None
10. **Adjourned** – Meeting adjourned by motion at 3:41pm.

Next meeting date: April 17, 2019

Proposal Review Committee Report

Meeting Date: March 27, 2019

BID #: RFP-19-010 – 2019 Addiction, Prevention, Early Intervention, Treatment and Recovery Support Services for Passaic County

Committee Members:

Donna Huber, Tashai McFarlane, Tahsin Tamanna (Human Services intern)

Brenda Browne facilitated the meeting but did not score the proposals.

The County received proposals for projects under this offering. All agencies submitted impressive applications for consideration. The Proposal Review Committee provided a thorough, comprehensive review of all submitted proposals and recommend the following:

Recovery Supports: Eva's Village of Paterson, NJ was the only applicant for this project. After a review and scoring of the proposal, the committee is recommending the proposal from Eva's Village who scored 90 out of 100 for a total of \$21,722 for 2019 to fulfill this addiction service need for the county.

Medication-Assisted Treatment: Eva's Village of Paterson, NJ was the only applicant for this project. After a review and scoring of the proposal, the committee is recommending the proposal from Eva's Village who scored 83 out of 100 for a total of \$22,310 for 2019 to fulfill this addiction service need for the county.

Employee Assistance Program: Intervention Strategies International of Paramus, NJ was the only applicant for this project. After a review and scoring of the proposal, the committee is recommending the proposal from Intervention Strategies International who scored 79 out of 100 for a total of \$36,000 for 2019 to fulfill this addiction service need for the county.

Intensive Outpatient Services for Upper County: New Life Recovery Center of Pompton Lakes, NJ was the only applicant for this project. The committee reviewed this proposal and is recommending this proposal who scored 77 out of 100 for a total of \$55,734 for 2019 to fulfill this addiction service need for the county.

The below are recommendations for Addictions funding which fall under the threshold and will serve as direct awards:

Addiction Prevention Programming: United in Prevention of Passaic County of Wayne, NJ submitted a proposal to provide TIPS for Establishments training, the Annual Teen Summit and SBIRT trainings. The committee reviewed this proposal and is recommending this proposal for a total of \$17,500 for 2019 to fulfill this addiction service need for the county.

Addiction Prevention Programming: Mental Health Association of Passaic County of Passaic, NJ submitted a proposal to provide Mental Health First Aid trainings. The committee reviewed this proposal and is recommending this proposal for a total of \$6,000 for 2019 to fulfill this addiction service need for the county.

Sincerely,

Brenda Browne

Brenda Browne, MAS, MSW

Director, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

County Mental Health & Addictions Administrator

April 3, 2019

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| CY2019 | Award | Grant Amount |
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| Medication-Assisted Treatment | Eva's Village | \$22,310 |
| Employee Assistance Program | Intervention Strategies International | \$36,000 |
| Intensive Outpatient Services for Upper County | New Life Recovery Center | \$55,734 |
| Addiction Prevention Programming | United in Prevention of Passaic County | \$17,500 |
| Addiction Prevention Programming | Mental Health Association of Passaic County | \$6,000 |
| Total | | \$159,266 |