



**Passaic County Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
June 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Members present:

1. Ronna Bouton
2. Evan Covello
3. Linda Doering
4. Humberto Maravi
5. Lia Travers

Members absent:

1. Le'Var Starr
2. Jennifer Vega
3. Paula Tedesco
4. Jenny Sierra
5. Heather Batten

Also present was Brenda Browne, Director Passaic County Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Donna Huber, Passaic County Municipal Alliance Coordinator, and Michelle Shell a community member interested in joining the LACADA.

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair Mr. Maravi brought the meeting to order at 5:13 PM.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Doering and second by Ms. Bouton to open the public portion of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Michele Shell, a resident of Hewitt, addressed the LACADA. Ms. Shell provided the LACADA a summary of her background and informed them of her interest in serving as a member of LACADA.

LACADA members agreed she would be an asset to the Committee. Ms. Browne will submit her name to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for appointment to the Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Doering and seconded by Ms. Bouton to close the public portion of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Doering and seconded by Mr. Covello to accept the May 1, 2019 Meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Browne reported that the County Comprehensive Plan (CCP) will have to be reviewed and approved by the LACADA. Ms. Browne provided information about the CCP and how it provides services for prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery supports for indigent Passaic County residents. Ms. Browne also informed the Committee about the needs assessment process and the current Passaic County initiatives. Ms. Browne will send the CCP via email for LACADA members to review, make comments/suggestions, and approve.

Ms. Browne presented the names of PACADA members in need of appointment by LACADA (list attached). Mr. Covello made a motion, second by Ms. Bouton, to authorize the appointments to the PACADA, motion passed with one (1) abstention (Ms. Doering).

Ms. Browne provided the Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Report.
County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Staff Report

June 5, 2019

Mental Health & Addictions Updates

- North Haledon has been designated a Stigma-Free zone by resolution as of 4/17/19.
- St. Joseph's Hospital & MC has been designated Stigma-Free and held a Behavioral Health Symposium on May 21st.
- DMHAS staff to meet with the Opioid Overdose Response Program (OORP) providers in mid-May 2019. OORP will be a Bundled service. Rate not yet approved yet. Peers will have the same rate as with CSS. Agencies have to be a licensed Medicaid provider to provide OORP.
- Recovery centers cannot bill Medicaid because it is not treatment. Peer services are not a separate level of care. Off-site peer services have to be worked out with Molina.
- Addiction case mgmt. services must also be connected to a licensed treatment provider. Services must be tied to the treatment plan. WRAP would have to be included in the treatment plan to be Medicaid reimbursable.
- Intoxicated Drivers Program (IDP)--Every county must designate a 24 and 48 hour Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center (IDRC) program. If 50% of counties showing a deficit, IDP can ask the state for a rate increase.
Counties can affiliate with any licensed residential facility in the county for IDRC.
There are 77 trained facilitators in the state on the new IDRC curriculum. Spanish curriculum and workbook will be available next month and the PowerPoint will be also be available. Agencies may be able to contract with IDP in the future for language translation for the curriculum and material.
If the IDRC affiliate agencies have any logistical issues, reach out to IDP for help with a resolution. The agency may not have to expend the cost of the logistical issue but may get assistance from IDP.
- Deaf and hard of hearing posters or flyers must be hung on the wall of the programs. Language lines may be able to offer deaf language interpretation via Skype.
- Ariel Hurley of Opioid Response Network (STR-TA)--They help agencies with evidence based and waiver training. They provide a free two-day trainings on opioid response.
- Suzanne Boers--Provided annual OORP report/data verbally. Physical reports will be shared once the info is vetted by Suzanne. Some tentative preliminary NJ statewide OORP data: 61% of overdoses happen in the person's home or someone else's home, 67% of overdoses coming in from noon to midnight. 31% of the individuals have their own apt. or house, 38% are co-occurring, 21% uninsured.
- They are developing a performance report for individual counties. Looking at the nalaxone transports to the hospital and other data.

- Part of the additional \$11 million is going toward two STAR programs, two older adult programs.
- OORP-- for those who refuse transport to the hospital--Once the person signs the form, an additional line to ask if it's ok for someone to contact them for more resources.
- Walgreens rolling out mental health first aid across the company.
- Harry Reyes—CSS—had responses to 2 rfps. DD/MI and Forensic. Will be reviewing and issuing awards.

County Alliance Steering Subcommittee (hereafter “CASS”) Report

Ms. Huber reported that she has begun to schedule Site Visits with the Alliances. She hopes to complete all Site Visits by the end of August beginning of September.

Ms. Huber reported that the FY2020 County Alliance Plan was approved by the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse at their May 16, 2019 Meeting. Ms. Huber received the Letter of Agreement from the GCADA and is awaiting Freeholder resolution awarding funds to the Alliances. Once the resolution is approved, Ms. Huber will send out contracts to the Alliances for a July 1, 2019 start date.

Ms. Huber reported that the FY2020-2025 Grant Cycle has begun. Alliances will have 3 priorities to choose from: Underage Drinking, Prescription Drugs, and Marijuana. The Alliances will be able to choose more than one (1) priority as long as they have local data from their needs assessment to back it up. As part of the new Grant, webinars were developed to train alliances on the process. Each webinar in the series will have to be viewed by at least one representative of the Alliance to be eligible for funding in the FY2020-2025 grant Cycle. The first webinar (Needs Assessment Process) was held on May 14th and seven (7) Alliances participated live. The Alliances that could not watch live will be able to watch a recorded version. The second webinar on Capacity and Planning has been scheduled for June 25th.

Ms. Huber reported that the Teen Summit was held on May 17, 2019 at William Paterson University. The 5 highest scoring schools were Manchester Regional High School, Hawthorne High School, Wayne Valley High School, Pompton Lakes High School and the highest scoring school and overall winner was Wayne Hills High School. These schools each received a \$500.00 sponsorship to expand their initiative. The overall winner received an additional \$500.00 and County-wide recognition by having their PSA shown at the AMC movie theaters in Wayne and Clifton for the months of July and August. The top 5 videos can be seen on the UPinPC website <https://www.wpunj.edu/uppc/teen-summit.html>.

There was no Special Committee report.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

There was no correspondence.

A motion was made by Ms. Doering, and seconded by Ms. Travers to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Attest:

/ s / Donna Huber
Acting Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

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