



**Passaic County Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Members present:

1. Heather Batten
2. Ronna Bouton
3. Dalton Price
4. Linda Doering
5. Jeanette Pimentel
6. Jennie Vega

Members absent:

1. Paula Tedesco
2. Nanette Armenta
3. Camelia M. Valdes
4. Julie Rikon

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 5:15 PM.

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

Open the public portion of the meeting. No public present.

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

A motion was made by Linda Doering and seconded by Heather Batten to table election of officers until the next meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dalton Price and seconded by Linda Doering to approve the minutes from the February meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Report of Officers: None

Ms. Vince provided the Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Report in Brenda Browne's absence (see attached). Notably, Ms. Vince informed the Board that Member Barbara Westerberg resigned effective immediately.

Ms. Vince reported that the initial RFP for Passaic County Addiction, Prevention, Early Intervention, Treatment, and Recovery Support Services was released in January for a February 7, 2019 due date. The RFP was seeking vendors to provide 13 projects totaling \$711,111.00.

Ms. Vince reported that RFP's were not received for the following services:

- 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)

These services were put out for re-RFP February 21, 2019 for a March 15, 2019 due date.

The RFP's received were reviewed by the Proposal Review Committee. The Committee provided a "Proposal Review Committee Report" with funding recommendations (see attached). The LACADA reviewed the Report.

A motion was made by Ronna Bouton and seconded by Dalton Price to approve the Proposal Review Committee Report and recommendations to award services.

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE:

County Alliance Steering Subcommittee (hereafter "CASS") Report

FY2020 County Alliance Plan: The CASS approved the FY2020 County Alliance Plan and recommends that LACADA approve the Plan for submission to the GCADA.

A motion was made by Linda Doering and second by Dalton Price to accept the CASS recommendation to approve the Alliance Plan.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Professional Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse meeting was cancelled in February due to weather (No Report).

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Batten announced that the Circle of Care would be hosting The People's Institute "Undoing Racism Community Organizing Workshop", May 7, 8th and 9th. There will be twenty (20) open seats. Currently they are looking for a location for the workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Attest:

/ s / Donna Huber
Acting Secretary

Division of Mental Health & Addiction Staff Report
March 6, 2018

Mental Health & Addictions Updates

- Fee-for-Service (FFS) Oversight Board kick-off was 2/22/19 for NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (NJDMHAS). They report to the Office of Legislature and the Governor's Office. It is not an open meeting. Renee Burawski is the liaison between that board and NJDMHAS.
- Pompton Lakes and Ringwood have recently been designated as Stigma-Free municipalities. The municipalities yet to join are (West Milford, Wanaque, North Haledon, Haledon, Prospect Park, Totowa and Passaic). Our Division Director and Substance Use Navigators are working with residents of West Milford, Wanaque, North Haledon and Passaic who have expressed interest in joining the Stigma-Free movement.
- Office based addiction treatment is moving forward. Trainings will be posted soon for Practitioners/Prescribers. Trainings are free and open to physicians, APNs and Physician Assistants. Helps to prepare them for the waiver to prescribe Buprenorphine. Meeting was reportedly well-received by the practitioners who attended the meeting. NJDMHAS target to have 1000 practitioners trained within the next year. There will be a trainer for Northern NJ and one for the Southern NJ.
- Media awareness campaign about opiate use disorder will be kicking off soon. The campaign will be promoting Medication-Assisted Treatment.
- Reach NJ will be relaunched and will be a part of this campaign. Targeting the Reach NJ calls so they go to the Interim Managing Entity (IME). People searching for services will not be warm hand-offed to another call. Governor's \$100 million will be rolling out soon. Request for Proposals (RFP) coming up in 1.5 months for lease-based housing and sober living.
- Peer services and case management to be reimbursable July 1. No regulations yet for peer services. The State Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) will be convening to discuss.

March 6, 2019

Proposal Review Committee Report

Meeting Date: February 19, 2019

BID #: RFP-19-007 – **2019 Addiction, Prevention, Early Intervention, Treatment and Recovery Support Services for Passaic County**

Committee Members:

Ronna Bouton, Donna Huber, Francine Vince, Tashai McFarlane

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:

Detoxification Program: There were two proposals received for this project. The agencies that applied for this project were: Straight and Narrow of Paterson, NJ and Turning Point of Paterson, NJ. With a higher overall score, and a stronger proposal for services, the committee is recommending the proposal from Straight and Narrow who scored 80 out of 100 for a total of \$152,705 for 2019 to fulfill this addiction service need for the county.

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Outpatient Services for Upper County: New Bridge of Haskell, NJ was the only applicant for this project. The committee reviewed this proposal and is recommending this proposal for a total of \$34,415 for 2019 to fulfill this addiction service need for the county.

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) for Families for Upper County: Center for Family Resources of Ringwood, NJ was the only applicant for this project. The committee reviewed this proposal and is recommending this proposal for a total of \$21,235 for 2019 to fulfill this addiction service need for the county.

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) for Families for Lower County: Straight and Narrow of Paterson, NJ was the only applicant for this project. The committee reviewed this proposal and is recommending this proposal for a total of \$21,235 for 2019 to fulfill this addiction service need for the county.

Sincerely,

Brenda Browne, MAS, MSW
 Director, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
 County Mental Health & Addictions Administrator

February 22, 2019

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CY2019	Award	Grant Amount
Detoxification Program	Straight and Narrow	\$152,705
Short Term Residential	Straight and Narrow	\$183,210
Outpatient Services for Upper County	New Bridge	\$34,415
Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) for Families for Upper County:	Center for Family Resources	\$21,235
Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) for Families for Lower County	Straight and Narrow	\$21,235
Total		\$412,800