



**Passaic County Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
May 1, 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
9. Jennifer Vega

Members absent:

1. Le'Var Starr

Also present was Brenda Browne, Director Passaic County Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Cynthia Gatica, Hudson and Passaic County Program Analyst for the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Donna Huber, Passaic County Municipal Alliance Coordinator.

The Chair, Paula Tedesco brought the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

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

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

There was no public present.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Doering and seconded by Ms. Pimentel to accept the April 3rd, 2019 Meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. Covello and Ms. Vegas arrived at 5:10 PM and did not participate in the vote.

Ms. Browne provided the Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Report.

Report of Standing Committee
County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Staff Report
May 1, 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 having a Behavioral Health Symposium on May 21st at 12pm.
- DMHAS Report from Valerie M. (Assistant Commissioner of DMHAS)--RLI letters being sent to the jails. Will ask how many ppl they plan to serve, what medications will be used. She wants the County Addictions Administrators to be a part of the calls and meetings to provide support to the Wardens.
- Office Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT) trainings are moving forward.
- Rfp's for recovery housing and supportive housing with recovery support services are out.
- Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services is awaiting SAMSHA's approval of the additional \$11 million toward opioid response funding.
- DMHAS staff will 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 Boyrs--Provided annual OORP report/data verbally. Physical reports will be shared once the info is vetted by Suzanne.
- Some NJ statewide OORP preliminary 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.

Ms. Browne distributed LACADA By-Laws that need to be reviewed and updated. She also asked if any members were willing to sit on the By-laws Review Committee. Ms. Tedesco, Ms. Gatica and Ms. Travers volunteered to sit on the By-Laws Review Committee.

Ms. Browne also reported that the CY2020-2023 County Comprehensive Plan (CCP) will be presented to LACADA at the June meeting. The CCP will need LACADA approval before it can be submitted to the State for approval.

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 distributed a brochure about the Municipal Alliances to the Committee 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 she received notification from GCADA to save the date of May 14th for a webinar on the Needs Assessment Process. This will be the first of a series of training webinars for the Municipal Alliance Coordinators that will be scheduled by GCADA to prepare the Municipal Alliances for the upcoming grant cycle to begin in FY2021. Ms. Huber sent this information on to the Municipal Alliance Coordinators.

Ms. Huber reported that the Teen Summit will take place on May 17, 2019 at William Paterson University. Twenty (20) schools submitted PSA videos that will be presented at the Summit. The five (5) highest scoring schools will receive \$500.00 sponsorship to expand their initiative. The highest scoring school will receive 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 August and September.

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. Bouton to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Attest:

/ s / Donna Huber
Acting Secretary

Passaic County Mental Health and Addiction Professional Advisory Committee (PAC/PACADA)
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2019

Present

Pauline Simms, SERV Centers of NJ	Earle Leitch, SERV Centers of NJ
Kathleen Fisher, St. Mary's Hospital	Karl Roman, Advanced Housing
Danielle Granados, SJHMC	Tina Miles, SJHMC
Joanne Green, MHA of Passaic	Sam Pirozzi, Straight & Narrow Inc.
Bert Baldassarra, New Life Recovery	Alicia Bernarducci, Clara Maass MC
Sarah Friedland, VOA Northern Jersey	Enrique Sangama, Preakness Healthcare
Juliet Quiles, CSP-NJ Haledon House	Lisa Vara, Bridgeway PACT
Tracey Dwan Blash, MHA Essex & Morris	Angela Nikolovski, Straight & Narrow Inc.
Le'Var Starr, PCDHS	Brenda Browne, PCDHS
Tashai McFarlane, PCDHS	Lia Travers, PCDHS
Cynthia Gatica, DMHAS	Charlene W. Gungil, PCDH
Sarah Lombard, PCDHS & Prison Re-Entry Program	

Excused

Sybil Schreiber, MHCP	Annette Wright, Social Connections
Linda Doering, Inst for RS Intel	

Others Present

Cindy Marie Dix, Ammon Foundation	Juliet Procopio, FEDCAP
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Agenda

1. **Call to order** – Bert Baldassarra called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.
2. **Minutes** – Approved, motioned by Alicia Bernarducci of Clara Maass MC, second by Sarah Friedland of VOA of Northern Jersey.
3. **Staff Report** – Attached.
4. **SRC** – No meeting last month, Next meeting is April 25th at 2:00pm.
5. **DMHAS Report** – Attached.
6. **PAC Discussion** – Mental Health Clinic: Discussed about new changes to the gun laws. Extreme risk protection order also known as Red Flag Law coming this fall.
7. **Announcements** – MHA has a new program: “It’s My Life: Peer Partners Self Directed Social Exploration”. Starting Tuesdays, May 7th, 2019 3:30pm-4:30pm.
MHA is looking for a Peer Community Outreach Advocate, the pay rate is \$16 per hour.
St. Joseph’s Hospital and MC: Behavioral Health Symposium on May 21st, 2019 12pm-4pm.
8. **Open Public Portion** – None
9. **Other Business** – FedCap partial care program is offering partial care services to Passaic County. FedCap is located in Fairfield, NJ.
Charlene Gungil mentioned the United for Health Equity conference at Montclair State University April 18, 2019, 8:00am – 3pm. There are several spots still open if anyone wants to attend.
10. **Adjourned** – Meeting adjourned by motion at 2:46pm.

Next meeting date: May 22, 2019