



**Passaic County Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
September 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Members present:

1. Ronna Bouton
2. Evan Covello
3. Linda Doering
4. Jenny Sierra
5. Paula Tedesco
6. Lia Travers

Members absent:

1. Heather Batten
2. Humberto Maravi
3. Michele Shell
4. Le'Var Starr
5. Jennifer Vega

Also present was Brenda Browne, Director Passaic County Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Donna Huber, Passaic County Municipal Alliance Coordinator.

The Chair 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 Mr. Covello to open the public portion of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Doering and seconded by Mr. Covello 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 June 5, 2019 Meeting minutes. Motion passed with two (2) abstentions (Ms. Sierra and Ms. Tedesco).

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

- Interim services—Trainings were provided. Interim services start 10/1/19 for those on the waiting list for addiction treatment through a state paid package rate (Not Medicaid reimbursable). The individuals will be engaged within 72 hours especially those identified as the priority population. All fee-for-service agencies are expected to participate since it's in their contract. They are now being reimbursed for interim services which include: Crisis intervention, urinalysis, physician visit, two psychoeducational groups per week and other services. 30 day authorization allowed. These are pre-engagement services regardless of the individual's ability to pay. Including those who will fall under the county funding. Person would then be discharged into the funding sources' program.
- DMHAS is working on RFP's for 10 STAR teams for those leaving incarceration.
- Older Adults Opioid Program had no awards for Passaic County. Older adult population still being prescribed opioids and docs still applying for waivers. DMHAS is meeting with Hospital Association and discussing alternatives to opioid rx. Hospitals are developing a pain mgmt. committee.
- NJ Dept. of Health has received funding for quit centers in 11 counties which will be sustainable through taxes. New 24 hr. Quitline and a 2-week starter pack is available and can be mailed to participants.
- Letters of Intent for 2020 were mailed and there will be an increase in State funding for Addictions for Passaic County.
- Passaic County CADAD researching starting a Fatality Review Team for the county.
- Harm Reduction Workshop 8/21/19—Some key points--Lifetime cost of HIV treatment approx.. \$384k, Hepatitis C over \$200k, cost of an unused needle 7 cents. There has been 1300 overdoses this year so far. Some entities are providing test strips for fentanyl for substance users in the community. NJ passed the law to have syringe access cards for those individuals participating in the needle exchange program. Some law enforcement may not know about the bill or don't follow the law and may arrest individuals for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- The Passaic County Recovery Walk is Saturday, Sept. 7th at 9:30am. We will meet at the 77 Hamilton St. courthouse plaza. All are invited to register and attend.

Ms. Browne also reported that the County Comprehensive Plan (CCP) was sent to the State for review. She is currently waiting for the State's feedback.

Professional Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse – See Attachment I

County Alliance Steering Subcommittee (hereafter “CASS”) Report

Ms. Huber reported that she is finishing up scheduled FY2019 Site Visits with the Alliances.

Ms. Huber reported that the FY2020 Municipal Alliance Contracts were sent to the Municipalities in August. She is awaiting signature pages from the Alliances.

Ms. Huber reported that as part of the FY2021-2025 Grant Cycle, the State held a Prevention Collaborative Kick Off meeting in July. Representatives from GCADA, State Mental Health & Addictions Services, the New Jersey Prevention Network, along with the County Alliance Coordinators and Coalition Directors were all in attendance. At the meeting the State and County Coalition Logic Models were shared. These are the Logic Models the Alliances will be working with to create their Strategic Plan. The Logical Models address four (4) priorities: Underage Drinking, Prescription Drugs, Marijuana, and Tobacco. 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, cycle webinars were developed to train alliances on the process. The webinars address Needs Assessment, Capacity and Planning and Implementation and Evaluation. Each webinar in the series must be viewed by at least one representative of the Alliance to be eligible for funding in the FY2021-2025 grant Cycle. The Municipal Alliances were given the information to view the recorded webinars as well as Worksheets to conduct Focus Groups and Key Information interviews as part of their Needs Assessment process.

Ms. Huber also received the GCADA Letter Of Intent (LOI) for the new funding Cycle. Passaic County received a small increase in funds. A meeting has been scheduled with the CASS to develop a funding formula for allocating the funds to the Alliances.

Ms. Huber reported that the Teen Summit will be held on October as held on October 18, 2019 at William Paterson University.

A meeting for the By Laws Review Committee will be schedule in the near future.

Ms. Browne presented four (4) proposals Clifton, Paterson, Wayne and Woodland Park for the \$1,000.00 Stigma Free Grants for CY2019 for discussion and approval.

A motion was made by Ms. Travers and seconded by Ms. Doering to approve the four mini grants for Stigma Free activities. Motion passed with one abstention (Mr. Covello).

Ms. Browne presented New Hope IBHC's proposal in the amount \$17,500.00, to provide adolescent short term residential treatment services.

After discussion a motion was made by Ms. Doering, seconded by Ms. Bouton to approve New Hope IBHC proposal for CY19. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Browne presented Turning Point's proposal in the amount of \$15,050.00 to provide enhancements to residents of the adult short term residential treatment program.

After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Covello, second by Ms. Bouton to approve Turning Point's proposal for CY19. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Passaic County Mental Health and Addiction Professional Advisory Committee
(PAC/PACADA)
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2019**

Present

Yisel Alaoui, Partnership MCH
 Marc Ackerman, SERV Centers of NJ
 Danielle Granados, SJHMC
 Joanne Green, MHA of Passaic
 Angela Nikolovski, Straight & Narrow Inc.
 Bert Baldassarra, New Life Recovery Center
 Bob Parker, NewBridge Services
 Sybil Schreiber, MHCP
 Annette Wright, CSPNJ
 Tracy Dwan Blash, MHA Essex & Morris
 Brenda Browne, PCDHS
 Lia Travers, PCDHS

Pauline Simms, SERV Centers of NJ
 Kathleen Fisher, St. Mary's Hospital
 Tina Miles, SJHMC
 Faith Benford, NJCDC
 Sean Buehler, Essex County Hospital Center
 Alicia Bernarducci, Clara Maass
 Enrique Sangama, Preakness Healthcare
 Rachel Murray, ISI
 Cynthia Gatica, DMHAS
 Tashai McFarlane, PCDHS

Excused

Le'Var Starr, PCDHS

Others Present

Linda Doering, Institute for Relationship Intelligence
 Carly Graham, Fedcap Aspirations

Agenda

1. **Call to order** – Pauline Simms called the meeting to order.
2. **Minutes** – Motion to approve the May 2019 PAC/PACADA minutes by Sybil Schreiber of Mental Health Clinic of Passaic, seconded by Tina Miles of St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Center.
3. **Staff Report** – Updates were given. See attached report.
4. **SRC** – Last meeting was May 23, 2019. Next meeting is June 20, 2019. PACT had 8 admissions. CSP has 78% occupancy rate, with 14 new Passaic County admissions last month. St. Mary's POWER program has 4 referrals.
5. **DMHAS Report** – See attached.
6. **PAC Discussion** – None.
7. **Announcements** – Bob Parker of NewBridge Services announced New Bridge Services has 5 apartments immediately available to low and moderate income families located in Clifton, NJ. There are (2) two-bedroom apartments and (3) three-bedroom apartments available. Pauline Simms of SERV announced SERV is CCBHS certified and there will be an open house September 20, 2019.
8. **Open Public Portion** – Carlie Graham of FEDCAP described the services that FEDCAP offers.
9. **Other Business** – None.
10. **Adjourned** – Meeting adjourned by Pauline Simms at 2:46pm.

Next meeting date: September 18, 2019