



**Passaic County Mental Health Board
December 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Members present:

1. Nanette A. Armenta
2. Jessica Jordan
3. Robert Nolan
4. Ramon Pagan
5. Jeannette Pimentel
6. Anell Perez
7. Julie Rikon
8. Paula Tedesco

Members absent:

Meeting was called to order at 6:08pm by Ms. Rikon, Vice Chairman and Interim Chairman of the Mental Health Board.

Also present was Brenda Browne, Director of the Passaic County Mental Health and Addiction Services, Cynthia Gatica, Hudson and Passaic County Program Analyst for the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (NJDMHAS).

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

Ms. Jordan moved to open public portion, second by Mr. Pagan. Motion passed. Representatives from Advance Housing, Inc., St. Joseph's Hospital & MC, St. Mary's General Hospital, Preakness Healthcare Center presented their calendar year 2020 proposed deficit funded, contracted services with NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS). Ms. Jordan moved to close public portion, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passed.

Ms. Perez moved to accept the minutes, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passed.

Ms. Tedesco moved to recommend NJ DMHAS funding for the presenting agencies for calendar year 2020. Second by Ms. Jordan. Motion passed.

Reports

County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Staff Report (See Attachment 1)

New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Program Analyst Report (See Attachment 2).

Professional Advisory Committee Report (See Attachment 3).

New Business: The board agreed to have Mr. Fiedeldey present at January 2020 meeting.

Old Business: At November 2019 meeting, Mr. Nolan was nominated and accepted the nomination for Chairman. Elections held for Chairman. The floor was opened for nominations. No nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed. The Committee unanimously voted for Mr. Nolan as Chairman. Ms. Rikon continued to chair the remainder of the meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM by Mr. Nolan, second by Ms. Armenta.

Attest:

Brenda Browne
Secretary

County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Staff Report
Mental Health & Addictions Updates

December 4, 2019

- The County of Passaic will be submitting a proposal for the County Innovation Award for up to \$167,627. Ideas were gathered from LACADA, CIACC, Mental Health Board, PACADA and PAC.

Youth Mental Health

- There is still discussions as it relates to the curriculum for mental health education in NJ schools. Curriculum may incorporate substance use.

Duty to Warn

- There are meetings to discuss the implementation of this law and making the forms universal state-wide.

Peer Legislation

- Assemblywoman Lopez is introduced a bill that builds on existing NJ credentials for peers

Psychiatric Residents

- The cap on the number of residents allowed per state is effecting the number of psychiatrists coming to train in NJ
- There is a current initiative before the American Hospital Association to help expand the number of residents

PADs

- Private hospitals and unaffiliated emergency rooms still do not have access to the registry

Budget

- DHS Budget hearing will take place on December 4th

Judiciary and CJ system

- There is an inter-branch committee of criminal justice created by the Chief Justice which is looking at the intersection of mental health and the criminal justice system
- 6 total subcommittees of this group which are focusing on access, bail reform, diversion and reintegration

CSOC Leadership

- Lolita Johnson has been named the new Deputy Director
- Lisa Von Peer has been named the family liaison for ID/DD youth

Program Analyst Monthly Report December 2019

1. Medicaid Alert to Provider of Behavioral Health Services on Changes in billing procedures for Adult Mental Health Rehabilitative services (AMHR). Providers requesting payments for AMHR services must bill the AMHR procedure codes listed in the attached.
2. Presumptive eligibility Trainings are in the process of being executed. To sign up please use the sign up genius https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4CA5AB22A7FF2-presumptive_1
3. Please follow the new process in regard to CSS subsidy only process which requires Program Analyst Approval. This is in situations where the client will not be receiving services but would like to remain on the subsidy. This was announced on the CSS webinar.
4. Each agency will now be required to develop and maintain a culturally and linguistically delivery plan, there are two regional cultural competence training centers to provide technical assistance, additionally there will be two cultural competency consultants to help in collecting, reviewing and analyzing the plans. These assessments will include both quantitative and qualitative data that will guide future service delivery.
5. A new version of **NJMHAPP will be launched on December 3, 2019** and will include a process for completing a Wrap Request within the NJMHAPP application. Webinars were held on November 7th and November 12th to walk through these changes with providers.
6. There is a **Quarterly Residential Meeting scheduled for December 16, 2019** in Hamilton. Registration begins at 10:15 and start time is 10:30. The fee for service unit will be there to present on non-Medicaid eligible services. The target audience will be Residential Directors and Billing Supervisors. Reach out to Karen Wapner to [register karen.wapner@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:karen.wapner@dhs.nj.gov). Agencies can send a maximum of 4 staff to this meeting.
7. DHS has an upcoming **Budget Listening Session on Wednesday December 4, 2019** at 5 Commerce Way in Hamilton. This is an opportunity for stakeholders and the public to provide verbal or written testimony to help shape DHS' FY 2020-21 state budget. Remarks will be limited to 3 minutes. Written testimony is encouraged. For more information or to RSVP call 609-292-3703 or email nancy.worrell@dhs.state.nj.us.

**Passaic County Mental Health and Addiction Professional Advisory Committee
(PAC/PACADA)
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2019**

Present

Leslie DeBlasio, Eva's Village	Cynthia Gatica, DMHAS
Concetta Schilt, Doors into the Future	Tracey Dwan Blash, MHA Essex & Morris
Karl Roman, Advance Housing	Le'Var Starr, PCDHS
Danielle Granados, SJHMC	Brenda Browne, PCDHS
Tina Miles, SJHMC	Tashai McFarlane, PCDHS
Joanne Green, MHA	Sarah Lombard, PCDHS
Bert Baldassarra, New Life Recovery	Cindya Mercado, CSPNJ
Tess Medina, Clara Maass	
Michelle Borden, NewBridge Services	
Sarah Friedland, VOA Northern NJ	
Enrique Sangama, Preakness Healthcare Center	
Sybil Schreiber, MHCP	
Javier Argueta, CSP-NJ	
Ria Martinez, Bridgeway PACT	
Tracey Waldman, ISI	
Matthew Grey, Care Plus Inc.	

Excused

Angela Nikolovski, Straight and Narrow	Charlene Gungil, PCDOH
Annette Wright, Social Connections	
Sherrine Schuldt, WPU	
Juliet Quiles, CSPNJ	

Agenda

1. **Call to order** – Bert Baldassarra called the meeting to order at 2:06pm.
2. **Minutes** – Motion to approve minutes by Tina Miles of SJHMC, seconded by Michelle Borden of NewBridge Services.
3. **Staff Report** – Updates were given. See attached report.
4. **SRC** – No report, no meeting last month.
5. **DMHAS Report** – See attached
6. **PAC Discussion** – None
7. **Announcements** – Cindya Mercado from CSPNJ spoke about her role and the services provided at CSPNJ. St. Joseph's received \$200,000 for integrating behavioral health and primary care. Matthew Grey from Care Plus, Inc., spoke about the services provided at the Family Support Center in Woodland Park.
8. **Open Public Portion** – None.
9. **Other Business** – Bert Baldassarra would like to give a presentation about the services provided by New Life Recovery at the next meeting. The Center of Excellence will do a presentation at next month's meeting. There will be nominations for chair and co-chair for PAC/PACADA in December and the election will be held in January.
10. **Adjourned** – Karl Roman motioned to adjourn, Sybil Schreiber second. Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Next meeting date: December 18, 2019