



**Passaic County Mental Health Board
May 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Members present:

1. Jessica Jordan
2. Anell Perez
3. Jeannette Pimentel
4. Dalton Price
5. Julie Rikon
6. Paula Tedesco

Members absent:

1. Nanette A. Armenta
2. Robert Nolan
3. Ramon Pagan

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson, Julie Rikon at 6:07 PM.

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. Browne made the announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act.

President, Dalton Price joined the meeting, Julie Rikon, Vice Chairman continued to preside.

Members and others present introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Ms. Tedesco and seconded by Ms. Perez to open the public portion of the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Fisher, Executive Director of Behavioral Health services at St. Mary's General Hospital spoke about the agency's adult residential services, contracted with NJDMHAS, during the public portion. Ms. Fisher also answered board members questions about the services.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Perez and seconded by Ms. Jordan to accept the April 3, 2019 Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion passed with one (1) abstention (Mr. Price).

Reports

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

Ms. Pimentel stated she would like to assist with Passaic City becoming Stigma-Free. Ms. Browne to connect all involved parties towards this designation.

Ms. Browne also informed the board members that some mental health agencies may be presenting their services at June 2019's meeting. Ms. Browne also informed the board members that additional Professional Advisory Committee members will need to be approved in the June meeting as well as the Children's InterAgency Coordinating Council (CIACC) committee members.

Ms. Browne informed the board members that the May 15, 2019 Special Meeting to discuss the grant for Integrated Case Management Services for Passaic County is cancelled due to NJDMHAS rescinding the Request for Proposal.

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

Professional Advisory Committee Report (See Attachment 3).

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

No correspondence was received.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Ms. Perez to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Attest:

Brenda Browne
Secretary

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.

Program Analyst Notes

April 2019

Trainings:

Topic: Anger, Agitation, and Aggression: Strategies for care providers

LOCATION:

Bergen New Bridge Medical Center
230 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652

DATE:

Thursday, April 18, 2019

REGISTRATION TIME:

(8:30am-9:00am) *Continental Breakfast will be served*

PROGRAM TIME & CE's:

9:30am – 12:30pm; NJ Social Workers: This course is approved by the Association of Social Work Boards – ASWB NJ CE Course Approval Program Provider #30 Course #1808 from 03/30/2018 to 03/30/2020. Social workers will receive the following type and number of credit(s): General Social Work Practice 3.

Program is FREE of Charge

This training is promoted on-line at WWW.SCOPENJ.ORG

MHA-NJ Consumer Connections is now accepting applications for Summer Core training in Northern NJ. (see flyer)

Rutgers is offering Buprenorphine Training Courses to Physicians and APN's to meet the requirement for a buprenorphine waiver certification. Trainings are on select Fridays. Registration is required. (see flyer)

New Staff:

La Shonine Gandy Smith

Dr. La Shonine will be working as the State Opioid Response (SOR) Program Manager. She sits in cubicle 43 and her telephone number is 609-438-4217.

Carly Davis

Carly is excited to work on the State Opioid Response Grant as the SOR Opioid Coordinator. She is located in cubicle 33 and her telephone number is 609-438-4137.

Cathy Sweeney

Cathy Sweeney is working with the SOR Grant Team as an Assistant Program Specialist. Cathy is in cube 30 and her telephone number is 609-438-4362.

FFS Safety Net funding:

DMHAS completed its analysis of the providers who have submitted information for us to calculate the share of the \$500K in FFS Safety Net funding that was appropriated.

As of 2Q FY19, our objective was to allocate \$250K, i.e., 50% of the annual amount. The remaining 50% will be distributed at the end of the 3rd and 4th quarters based on info provided to us then.

Ombudsman: See Flyer

For more information or to contact the DMHAS Ombudsman, call 609-438-4321 or email dmhas-ombudsman@dhs.nj.gov To register a complaint regarding any substance abuse treatment facility call 877-712-1868

The Revised 2019 Rental subsidy Policy and Consumer Agreement:

Please note, the following changes:

- Page 9 of the 2019 Rental Subsidy Policy, the Termination of Rental Subsidy has added “**Suspension of DMHAS Rental Subsidy**”, for those who fail to correct or cure the violation (s) in the Warning Letter. The notice of Suspension of DMHAS Rental Subsidy shall inform the consumer that if the violation(s) are not cured within fourteen (14) days of the date of the Suspension notice, then the DMHAS subsidy will be suspended.
- Page 10 of the 2019 Rental Subsidy Policy, “**Furnishings and Limited Ancillary Expenses**”.
 - Consumers may qualify for limited one-time funds...
 - To qualify, **the consumer cannot have Net Family Assets in excess of \$2000**

These are the highlighted areas that will have an immediate impact with the implementation of the Rental Subsidy Program. Please review both documents, thoroughly, if you have any questions please contact Alisa Smith.

County Hospital residential referrals:

When patients in the County Hospital are in need of residential placement, please email the Placement Entity at the state psychiatric hospital in the catchment area in which the patient would like to reside, cc'ing the listed Regional Olmstead Coordinator, with the following information:

- A brief summary of the consumer's needs indicating the level of care being requested.
- Benefit information, specifying the type and amount received
- Patient's age
- Patient's gender
- Patient's county preference

Greystone Psychiatric Hospital

Catchment Area: Morris, Union, Hudson, Bergen, Somerset, Warren, Hunterdon, Sussex, Passaic, Essex

Ingrid Mikolay: Ingrid.Mikolay@doh.nj.gov (Placement Entity)

Danny Tyndall: Danny.Tyndall@dhs.nj.gov (Regional Olmstead Coordinator)

Ancora Psychiatric Hospital

Catchment Area: Atlantic, Ocean, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem, Cape May, Camden, Burlington

Shawn Zamir: Shawn.Zamir@doh.nj.gov (Placement Entity)

Troy Hood: Troy.Hood@dhs.nj.gov (Regional Olmstead Coordinator) (Troy has moved to another position and Rakish Scott at: Rakisha.Scott@dhs.nj.gov is covering)

Trenton Psychiatric Hospital

Catchment Area: Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth

Beverly Nelson: Beverly.Nelson@doh.nj.gov and Esther Ijalana: Esther.Ijalana@doh.nj.gov (Placement Entity)

Andrea Portovedo: Andrea.Portovedo@dhs.nj.gov (Regional Olmstead Coordinator)

Please copy Rakisha Scott on all requests for beds.

For any other requests or administrative issues, please contact myself and/or Donna Migliorino (Donna.Migliorino@dhs.nj.gov) 609-777-0669.

RFP's:

Essex County 2 PACT teams have been preliminarily awarded to Bridgeway. Final award will be announced April 1, 2019 after the appeal window.

Passaic Screening Preliminary Award was awarded to St Joseph's. There is an appeal window from April 1, 2019 through April 8, 2019. Final award will be announced following appeal process.

FFS:

DMHAS is pleased to announce that a group rate has been established for SE/SEd face to face activities. Starting 7/1/19, the rate is \$5.75 for a 15 min unit for up to a max of 6 consumers in a group. The individual consumer monthly limit stays at 80 units and your annual cap does not change. You would simply be using a group modality versus an individual one. The activities allowed are the same as in the current Annex A for SE/SEd. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Fishbein at 609-438-4139.

Contracts:

Contract Renewal letters were mailed out to providers on April 1, 2019. Contracts are due May 1, 2019. If you are in need of an extension you need to contact the Contract Administrator for approval.

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

Present

Pauline Simms, SERV Centers of NJ
Kathleen Fisher, St. Mary's Hospital
Danielle Granados, SJHMC
Joanne Green, MHA of Passaic
Bert Baldassarra, New Life Recovery
Sarah Friedland, VOA Northern Jersey
Juliet Quiles, CSP-NJ Haledon House
Tracey Dwan Blash, MHA Essex & Morris
Le'Var Starr, PCDHS
Tashai McFarlane, PCDHS
Cynthia Gatica, DMHAS
Sarah Lombard, PCDHS & Prison Re-Entry Program

Earle Leitch, SERV Centers of NJ
Karl Roman, Advanced Housing
Tina Miles, SJHMC
Sam Pirozzi, Straight & Narrow Inc.
Alicia Bernarducci, Clara Maass MC
Enrique Sangama, Preakness Healthcare
Lisa Vara, Bridgeway PACT
Angela Nikolovski, Straight & Narrow Inc.
Brenda Browne, PCDHS
Lia Travers, PCDHS
Charlene W. Gungil, PCDH

Excused

Sybil Schreiber, MHCP
Linda Doering, Inst for RS Intel

Annette Wright, Social Connections

Others Present

Cindymarie Dix, Ammon Foundation

Juliet Procopio, FEDCAP

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