



**Passaic County Mental Health Board
November 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Members present:

1. Jessica Jordan
2. Robert Nolan
3. Ramon Pagan
4. Anell Perez
5. Julie Rikon
6. Paula Tedesco

Members absent:

1. Nanette A. Armenta
2. Jeannette Pimentel
3. Dalton Price

Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Ms. Rikon, Vice 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. Tedesco moved to open public portion, second by Ms. Perez. Motion passed. No public present. Ms. Tedesco moved to close public portion, second by Ms. Jordan. Motion passed.

Ms. Rikon announced that we received communication from Mr. Price of his resignation from the Mental Health Board and as Chairman due to other obligations. Ms. Rikon agreed to assume the role of Chairman on an interim basis until a Chairman could be elected. Ms. Perez moved to open nominations for Chairman, second by Ms. Jordan. Motion passed. Ms. Rikon nominated Mr. Nolan as Chairman, Mr. Nolan accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made for the position of Chairman. Ms. Tedesco moved to accept the slate of nominations, second by Mr. Pagan. Motion passed. Ms. Perez moved to close nominations, second by Ms. Jordan. Motion passed.

Meeting minutes of September 4, 2019 were reviewed. Mr. Nolan moved to accept the minutes with noted revision, second by Ms. Tedesco. Motion passed. October 2, 2019 Meeting Cancelled by Acting Chairman, Ms. Rikon, as quorum would not be present for the meeting.

Reports

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

2020 Mental Health Board Meeting Dates were distributed (See Attachment 2)

Ms. Browne presented the 2020 Mental Health spending plan to the committee. After discussion, Ms. Tedesco moved to accept the 2020 Spending Plan, second by Mr. Nolan. Motion passed.

New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Program Analyst Report (See Attachment 3).

Professional Advisory Committee Report (See Attachment 4).

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

Correspondence: Mr. Price's resignation (See Attachment 5)

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM by Mr. Nolan, second by Ms. Jordan.

Attest:

Brenda Browne
Secretary

County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Staff Report

November 6, 2019

Mental Health & Addictions Updates

- Our division is partnering with the City of Paterson on their \$600,000 grant to study the Opioid Addiction issues in the city as well as with a homeless outreach grant.
- The County of Passaic was provided with an opportunity to receive a County Innovation Award for up to \$167,627 as a one-time award from NJDMHAS.
- The Passaic County Teen Summit was held on Oct. 18th and it was a great success. The theme was “Life is Worth Living” targeting drug, alcohol and suicide prevention.
- Passaic County Jail was awarded the Medication Assisted Treatment Grant in the amount of \$500,000. Our division will be working with the jail on this grant.
- Municipalities not yet designated stigma free are Totowa and Wanaque.
- County Comprehensive Addictions Plan is being revised as per the recommendations of the NJDMHAS Reviewers.
- Spending Plans 2020 for Mental Health and Addictions Services.



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2020 Mental Health Board Meeting Dates

**All meeting dates are on Wednesdays at 6pm at Passaic County Senior Services, 930 Riverview Drive--Suite 200, Totowa, NJ, unless otherwise indicated*

January 8, 2020

February 5, 2020

March 11, 2020

April 1, 2019

May 6, 2020

June 3, 2020

September 2, 2020

October 7, 2020

November 4, 2020

December 2, 2020

*Meeting locations and dates are subject to change. Contact Passaic County Mental Health and Addiction Director at 973-881-2834 to confirm.

October Notes

RFP Awards (see attached award notices):

- Supportive Housing with Case management to individuals with Opioid Use Disorders who are homeless or at-risk of homeless.
- Community Support Services for individuals discharged from a state psychiatric hospital who are diagnosis DD/MI
- Alternatives to Pain Management for Older Adults
- Support Team for Addiction Recovery Program
- Medically Enhanced Supportive Housing CSS for individuals discharged from the state psychiatric hospital.

Emergency Assistance may be available for consumers for individuals eligible for Work First NJ or SSI. The program is administered by County Welfare Agencies. DMHAS is asking that all consumer seek assistance through this initiative prior to submitting a WRAP request. (see attached)

Trainings: (See attached)

MHA-NJ Fall 2019 Partial Care Prevocational Training-Pre-requisite modules- two sessions

(F1) Work and Recovery
Series Pre-requisite
Wednesday, October 30th
9:30am-3:30pm

Work and Recovery (F1) is the first part to the Partial Care Pre-vocational series that aims to equip Partial Care counselors with strategies on promoting employment and recovery. Using pre-vocational interventions, counselors encourage clients to seek employment by assessing the client's skills, interest, supports and needs. Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this training, participants will learn:

The importance of recovery.
The relationship of work and recovery.
Empowerment strategies that promote work.
Ways to counter common myths about work and mental illness.

(F2) Entitlements and Work
Series Pre-requisite
Wednesday, November 13th
9:30am-12:30pm

Entitlements and Work (F2) is the second part to the Partial Care Pre-vocational series that aims to equip Partial Care counselors with strategies on promoting employment and recovery. This session will provide counselors

with knowledge on client entitlements such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Providers will also learn about the work incentives available to consumers that encourage gainful employment.

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this training, participants will learn:

The definition of disability according to Social Security Administration (SSA) guidelines.

The differences between Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Ways in which work may impact SSDI and SSI recipients' benefits.

The work incentives offered under these programs.

****Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion following the training.****

All sessions will be held at The Mental Health Association in New Jersey, 673 Morris Avenue, Suite 100
Springfield, NJ 07081

IMR 2-Day Training on November 12th & 19th
at Rutgers UBHC in Piscataway, NJ

Please see the attached flyer for the Rutgers Health IMR 2-day training specifically designed for **Partial Care** and Partial Hospital program staff. Please share the attached announcement/registration details with staff who are IMR interested, invested and have not yet received this training. There will not be another training for this target audience until autumn 2020.

Up to three staff representing your program may register. Registration Deadline is Friday, November 1, 2019. Be sure to email your registration to Laura Burns at Laura.burns@rutgers.edu and include an email address for each registrant (as noted on the form). Seating is Limited; register as soon as possible.

Correspondence: (See attached)

Letters went out on September 9, 2019 to individual providers in reference to the recoupment of erroneous billing identified by the data extract file audit of Medicaid and NJMHAPP. DMHAS reviewed the data extract file of claims paid to MH FFS providers through NJMHAPP January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2019. Which in some cases identified duplicative billing and overpayments to the provider. Moving forward this audit will be done quarterly and any erroneous claims will be voided and the full amount deducted from your agency's next billing cycle until the funds are recovered.

September 27, 2019 follow up letter states that due to the prior authorization restrictions for PC detailed in Medicaid newsletter vol. 27 no. 8, which would result in the provider's inability to recover retroactive claims. DMHAS, in consultation with Division of Medical Assistance & Health Services, has decided that erroneous claims from September 11, 2018- March 31, 2019 will not be recovered.

SRC Note: (see attached)

Medicaid Newsletter Volume 29 No. 12 Subject: Diversionary Bed Update

Purpose: To clarify the Administration of Diversion Bed Services.

Effective: Immediately

**Passaic County Mental Health and Addiction Professional Advisory Committee
(PAC/PACADA)
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2019**

Present

Yisel Alaoui, Partnership MCH
Pauline Simms, SERV
Kathleen Fisher, St. Mary Hospital
Sean Buehler, Essex County Hospital Center
Bert Baldassarra, New Life Recovery
Alicia Bernarducci, Clara Maass
Michelle Borden, NewBridge Services
Sarah Friedland, VOA Northern NJ
Enrique Sangama, Preakness Healthcare Center
Sybil Schreiber, MHCP
Sherrine Schuldt, UP in PC WPUNJ
Lisa Vara, Bridgeway PACT
Tracey Waldman, ISI
Annette Wright, CSPNJ
Alma Yee, Community Health Law

Sherika Sanders, Care Plus Inc.
Eileen Alexander, DMHAS
Tracey Dwan Blash, MHA Essex & Morris
Brenda Browne, PCDHS
Tashai McFarlane, PCDHS

Excused

Concetta Schilt, Door Into the Future
Tina Miles, SJHMC
Danielle Granados, SJHMC
Juliet Quiles, CSPNJ

Joanne Green, MHA
Charlene Gungil, PCDOH

Agenda

1. **Call to order** – Pauline Simms called the meeting to order at 2:06pm.
2. **Minutes** – Motion to approve minutes by Sybil Schreiber of Mental Health Clinic of Passaic, seconded by Bert Baldassarra of New Life Recovery.
3. **Staff Report** – Updates were given. See attached report. (See Attachment 1)
4. **SRC** – No report
5. **DMHAS Report** – See attached (See Attachment 3)
6. **PAC Discussion** – None.
7. **Announcements** – Sherrine Schuldt announced Teen Summit will be held on October 18, 2019 at William Paterson University.
8. **Open Public Portion** – None.
9. **Other Business** – Alma Yee from Community Health Law Project did a presentation on tenant rights at RHCF's. Sherika Sanders from Care Plus Inc. introduced herself. Annette Wright from CSPNJ announced the wellness center will be open Sundays – Wednesdays. They are also partnering with MHA for a Peer Resource Specialist program on Tuesday-Thursday at the Paterson Center, Monday-Wednesday at the Wayne Center and Fridays at the Respite Center. Yisel Alaoui from Partnership Maternal Child Health: prenatal symposium in Tenafly, NJ on November 1, 2019.
10. **Adjourned** – Bert Baldassarra motioned to adjourn, Michelle Borden second. Meeting adjourned at 3:02pm.

Next meeting date: November 20, 2019

From: Dalton Price <dlprice1964@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 2:25 PM
Subject: Resignation

Good afternoon Brenda and team. As you may know I recently retired from the Paterson Police. This should have allowed me more free time. However, I was recently hired as a professor at William Patterson University. Unfortunately my classes are on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Therefore I will not be able to continue my membership on the team. I would like to participate in any other events that are upcoming. Please let me know how I can support

Dalton

"A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart." — [Luke 6:45](#)

Sent from my iPhone