



**Passaic County Mental Health Board
February 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Members present:

1. Nanette A. Armenta
2. Jessica Jordan
3. Robert Nolan
4. Julie Rikon
5. Paula Tedesco

Members absent:

1. Ramon Pagan
2. Anell Perez
3. Jeannette Pimentel
4. Jennie Vega

Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Mr. Nolan, Chairman of the Mental Health Board.

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

Mr. Nolan made the announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Ms. Rikon moved to open public portion, second by Ms. Tedesco. Motion passed. Dr. Sybil Shreiber presented an issue as it relates to mental health reimbursement rate disparities between the children and the adult mental health systems. She also presented the addition requirements for supervising licensed staff in these systems. She recommended a letter be drafted to Medicaid, NJDMHAS and Division of Children and Families regarding the rate disparities. The board unanimously agreed to provide a letter. Ms. Rikon moved to close public portion, second by Ms. Armenta. Motion passed.

Ms. Jordan moved to approve the December 4, 2019 meeting minutes with noted revision. Second by Ms. Tedesco. Motion passed.

Reports

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

Mr. Nolan inquired about the Point in Time homeless count. Ms. Rikon expressed concern if there is outreach for the homeless (possibly in the woods) of Ringwood and West Milford.

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

Professional Advisory Committee Report (See Attachment 3).

Old Business: Discussed the approval of the revised 2020 Mental Health spending plan taken by electronic vote. Seven for, 0 opposed, Motion passed.

Ms. Tedesco discussed the bill regarding APN's requiring collaborators and stated that the bill failed. Ms. Tedesco also discussed the bill regarding mental health screenings in schools did not pass.

New Business: Discussed the Fiedeldey Consulting proposal. Ms. Tedesco moved to approve the recommendation for funding for Fiedeldey Consulting, LLC for mental health screenings in Passaic County schools. Second by Ms. Rikon. Motion passed. Board members suggested that Fiedeldey Consulting do a presentation to the Superintendents of Schools and offer these services to diverse populations.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ms. Armenta. Second by Ms. Jordan. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Attest:

Brenda Browne
Secretary

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

February 5, 2020

- Our proposal to DMHAS for the Innovation Award is under review.
- The County Comprehensive Plan has been approved by the State and we received our 2020 contract.
- Mental Health and Addiction RFP's were posted. MH bids are due 2/20/2020 and Addictions are due 2/21/2020
- MH Advisory Committee under the Chief Justice has been convened.
- NJ Disaster and Terrorism Branch responded to mass shooting in Jersey City and thin ice drowning deaths in NJ.
- IDRC-Spanish Curriculum launched and classes can be in all Spanish.
- Legislation regarding funding for overdose fatality review teams
- In February, there will be a statewide media campaign through ReachNJ.
- MAT Jail grant contracts being signed and processes are moving forward.

**Mental Health Board Meeting Notes For February 2020
Northern Region Office**

- The next Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services' Early Intervention Support Services' (EISS) Program Directors' meeting is scheduled for **March 4, 2020 at 1:00 PM**.
The meeting will take place in room 199B at 5 Commerce Way in Hamilton, NJ - The Division's headquarters.

- Grant Announcement

Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers

Application Due Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020

SAMHSA is accepting applications for Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers (CORC) grants. The purpose of the program is the operation of comprehensive centers which provide a full spectrum of treatment and recovery support services to address the opioid epidemic. SAMHSA plans to issue 2 grants of up to \$850,000 per year for up to 4 years.

- Senate Confirmation of Health Commissioner Judith Persichilli
On Thursday, January 9, 2020, the Senate confirmed Judith Persichilli as the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health.
- Please be advised that your Involuntary Outpatient Commitment (IOC) program will be scheduled for a site visit sometime during 2020. The visit will consist of a review of program specific policy and procedures, consumer records, staffing and program operations in general. We will conclude with a summary discussion period in the afternoon.
You will be notified of the date and time of your visit 30 days in advance.
Two weeks prior to the site visit, please email your agency's IOC manual to jenna.caccese@dhs.nj.gov
- The NJ Office for Refugees has released an information guide to working with refugees in regard to obtaining mental health services for them. Please refer to their website for the document.
- Diversion Bed update was sent to the hospitals and the MCO's clarifying the administration of Diversion bed services, these beds are for both committed and voluntary patients. Please refer to Volume 29 #12 for more details and offer a least restrictive acute care setting
- New RFP- SAMHSA State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant for one time funding from award through September 29, 2020. DMHAS anticipates making 25 awards of \$15,000 each to substance use disorder (SUD) licensed agencies. Each successful bidder is required to provide matching funds in the amount of \$10,000 minimum to support the purchase of telehealth equipment to be used for individuals in the community needing services for opioid use disorder treatment, physical health referrals, medication access, and other linkages.

**Passaic County Mental Health and Addiction Professional Advisory Committee
(PAC/PACADA)
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2020**

Present

Pauline Simms, SERV	Concetta Schilt, Doors Into the Future
Kathleen Fisher, St. Mary Hospital	Danielle Granados, SJHMC
Joanne Green, MHA	Robin Murray, NJCDC
Tess Medina, Clara Maass	Bob Parker, NewBridge Services
Sybil Schreiber, MHCP	Juliet Quiles, CSPNJ
Tracey Waldman, ISI	Annette Wright, Social Connections
Cynthia Gatica, DMHAS	Tracey Dwan Blash
Le'Var Starr, PCDHS	Brenda Browne, PCDHS
Kaitlynn Turre, Straight & Narrow Inc.	Enrique Sangama, Preakness Healthcare Center

Others Present

Kathleen McKenna, Adult Family Health Services
Kristina Bloodgood, New Hope
Deidre Lonza, New Hope
Henry Balzani, Wayne Alliance

Excused

Sarah Friedland, VOA Northern NJ

Agenda

1. **Call to order** – Pauline Simms called the meeting to order at 2:12pm.
2. **Minutes** – Motion to approve minutes by Sybil Schreiber of Mental Health Clinic of Passaic, seconded by Enrique Sangama, Preakness Healthcare Center.
3. **Staff Report** – See attached report.
4. **SRC** – No meeting in December. Next meeting January 23, 2020.
5. **DMHAS Report** – See attached
6. **PAC Discussion** – None.
7. **Announcements** – Tess Medina stated that Clara Maass will be offering ECT treatments. Joanne Green announced that CIT training will be held April 13th – 17th at the Passaic County Community College Public Safety Academy.
8. **Open Public Portion** – Dr. Henry Balzani does lectures about Prevention and Education for addictions in Passaic and Bergen County.
9. **Other Business** – Elections of officers for PAC/PACADA, nomination for chairs were Concetta Schilt for PACADA and Kathleen Fisher for PAC.
10. **Adjourned** – Joanne Green motioned to adjourn, Concetta Schilt second. Meeting adjourned at 3:16pm.

Next meeting date: February 19, 2020