



**Passaic County Mental Health Board
September 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Members present:

1. Nanette A. Armenta
2. Robert Nolan
3. Ramon Pagan
4. Jeannette Pimentel
5. Julie Rikon
6. Paula Tedesco

Members absent:

1. Arnell Perez

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

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), and from the public: Jen Hernandez and Dr. Sybil Schreiber.

A motion was made by Ms. Rikon and second by Mr. Pagan to open the public portion of the meeting. Motion passed.

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

Dr. Schreiber spoke about the cuts to School Based Youth Programs projected to begin on October 1, 2020 in NJ. The board members consented to write a letter to the NJ Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families and state legislators opposing the cuts. Ms. Pimentel requested to abstain from the request and letter due to her professional capacity. Dr. Schreiber to send ideas for verbiage and Mr. Nolan to construct the letter.

Jennifer Hernandez introduced herself to the board.

A motion was made by Ms. Armenta to close public portion, second by Mr. Pagan. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the June 3, 2020 meeting minutes, second by Mr. Pagan. Motion passed.

Reports

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

Discussed a possible press release for Hope One in the near future.

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

Professional Advisory Committee Report (No report) (See Attachment 3).

Old Business: Board members inquired about updates on the Barber Shop Chop proposal. Ms. Browne to send the proposal to the board members this week.

New Business: To ratify electronic votes. A motion by Ms. Rikon to ratify the electronic vote for the Stigma-free awards of \$500 each to Growing in Grace (Paterson), City of Passaic Department of Human Services (Passaic), Borough of Woodland Park, Mental Health Association in Passaic County (Clifton), Little Falls Municipal Alliance (Little Falls), second by Mr. Pagan. Motion passed. A motion by Ms. Pimentel to ratify the electronic vote for Jewish Family and Children's Services of Northern NJ for \$16,500, second by Ms. Rikon. Motion passed.

A motion by Ms. Armenta to approve CIACC membership list for July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021, second by Ms. Tedesco. Motion passed.

Discussed the results of the Bid Review Committee Meeting. The proposal for Jewish Family and Children's Services of Northern NJ was recommended for funding. WAFAA's proposal was not recommended for funding.

Correspondence: None.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ms. Armenta. Second by Ms. Rikon. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Attest:

Brenda Browne
Secretary

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

September 2020

- Statewide Pilot Use of Force CIT Initiative for Passaic County is being planned and launched.
- The advocacy around the continuation of telehealth continues statewide.
- NJDMHAS states the Innovation Award dollars were approved for 2021-2022. Therefore, our Hope One project is likely to be funded for 2 years.
- The Passaic County Overdose Fatality Review Team Grant through NJDOH was approved for \$100,000.
- Naloxone distribution dates at pharmacies are Sept. 24-26. Over 300 pharmacies are on board with the initiative. After vetting the pharmacies to determine if they are in good standing and have standing orders, more information will be released.
- Some IDRC providers have resumed in person, some virtual but some have not resumed. Some issues include technology, space, etc. The court is catching up on violations from earlier this year.
- Overdose Awareness Day was August 31st. September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Coordinating to provide a presentation to the community this month with the Prosecutors' Office.
- Reviewing the Suicide data from Jan 1, 2020-August 25, 2020 to determine rates also in comparison to last year, this time. Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-TALK.
- Hope and Healing still have counseling resources 1-866-202-HELP. Return to School trainings through the mental health awareness grant are still available.
- Recovery is Possible flyer is available in English and Spanish. To be distributed widely.
- School Based Youth Services Statewide cuts.
- RFP is out for Hospital Based Opioid Overdose and Withdrawal Education Initiative.
- Request for Quotes and proposals going out for prevention, education, outreach and re-entry recovery support services under \$17,500.
- RFP is going out soon for a provider to do Anti-Racism work within the county under the Mental Health grant.
- Update on Hope One.

NJMDHAS Program Analyst Notes

September 2020

CSS

- Any providers experiencing difficulty with Medicaid billing should reach out to Steve Tunney and copy Harry Reyes and Deborah Gravely.
- Reminder that the CSS model requires that consumers are active participants in the development and completion of the CRNA.
- IRPs should not be sent to the IME for approval if the consumer is refusing participation.
 - IRPs should not be developed on behalf of a consumer.
 - If the provider agency is struggling to work with a consumer, the agency should contact Harry, Deb or SHC for assistance.
- When submitting terminations for consumers w/ subsidies please add how often staff will provide wellness checks as it is needed for the program analyst. Wellness checks are required to be at least a monthly basis.

CSS Trainings

i) The training will be offered synchronously on:

(1) Tuesdays

(a) September 22 to November 11, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm

(2) Wednesday

(a) September 23 to November 11, from 12:30-3:30 pm

(3) Thursdays

(a) September 24 to November 12, from 10:30 am-1:30 pm

ii) The following three orientation online modules are prerequisites to the training and available on Canvas starting on 8/3:

(1) *Module 1: Overview of CSS Admissions and Documentation Process*

(2) *Module 2: CSS Services*

(3) *Module 3: The Golden Thread in Community Support Services*

iii) Register Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-2020-css-trainings-registration-114186266196>

i) The fourth topic in the series will be, "Supporting Individuals Living with a Co-Occurring Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder" on Friday September 11, 2020.

(1) Register in advance for this

webinar: https://shprutgers.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JDtcP5Y9SIWu6wWwdNToTA

ii) The fifth webinar will take place on Friday October 2, 2020.

Upcoming Meetings

Residential Provider Meeting schedule for 9/15 at 10am. Meetings details to follow.

Residential:

There has been update to the PreAdmission Policy specific to residential assignments, effective July 1, 2020 and onward. Non-State hospital consumers referred to an A+ Level residential placements by the Olmstead unit, Pre-admission can be billed upon successful admission to the A+ bed. Please see the attached policy, Appendix L- pg. 59 and accompany authorization form on pg. 60. Questions will be addressed at the upcoming residential meeting.

Naloxone Distribution Dates:

Naloxone kits will be distributed to participating pharmacies throughout the state on September 24th , 25th , and 26th.

\$25 million CARES ACT funding for Mental Health

Eligible Providers must be contracted with DMHAS or in the FFS network

Programs must be community based Mental Health and Addictions Programs

Reimbursement is allowable from March 9, 2020- December 15, 2020 and will be on a first come first served basis

Funding will only cover expenses incurred during the Covid 19 crisis and must be related

Documentation on how to file for reimbursement is forthcoming

Please see the attached slide for more information

New Rates

Residential rates have increased (includes room and board) from \$130 to \$147.60.

MAT has increased from \$135 to \$152.60

Incident Reports

There has been an update to submitting incident reports that are Covid 19 related. Please refer to the website for more information.

Trainings on how to submit Incident Reports for new Provider Agencies are forthcoming.

**Passaic County Mental Health and Addiction Professional Advisory Committee
(PAC/PACADA)
No Report**