



ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Community Services Board Meeting
30 HARRIMAN DRIVE GOSHEN,
NEW YORK 10924

Meeting Notes CSB January 11, 2023

CSB Board Members Present: Nora Shepard, Linda Prieto, Dhanu Sannesy, Dr. Guy Delisfort, Dr. Michele Iannuzzi Sucich, Juan (Jay) Lantigua, Lisa Hayes, Jessenia Ogunade, Dr. Rebecca Lowy, Sandra Brownsey, and Rosangela Alicea.

Board Members Absent: Shannon Kelly, Lauren Savino, MaryAlice Kovach and Lisa Currao.

Present: Darcie Miller, Regina LaCatena

Meeting called to order by Nora Shepard at 5:34 P.M.

Quorum Present: Approval of Minutes:

November – Motion Juan L., second Linda P. approved, motion carried. New board members abstained.

Introduction of new board members:

Board members introduced themselves as new board members joined us for the first meeting of 2023.

Commissioners Report Darcie Miller, Commissioner

- Health and Human Services report – Regina will send report to all board members for review.
- Governors State of State Address – Regina will send copy to all board members.
- Opioid Epidemic has increased dramatically.
 - increase is 53%, factors include bail reform, and fentanyl
 - Medical examiners report for 2022 has not been released
 - 93% OD deaths, fentanyl was the source
- Meeting with Regional Office representative this week regarding school satellite openings.
- HEALing Communities
 - \$665,000 to be spent 2023-2025
 - Transition of care
 - Housing (ESHI housing only 1/3 open that are funded)
 - Meeting with family members for input
 - RFP's
- Christine Smallin – Director of Developmental Disabilities works closely on high-risk protocol, access to care (struggle), strongly advocating w/social services – (state funding streams don't always work)
- 0-5 Committee – is meeting on a regular basis - Identify early to support families.
- OMNIBUS ACT –
 - December 29 trillions of dollars dedicated to mental hygiene system
 - Beginning January 16 or 26? it is no longer required to have a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine

Sub-Committee Report Out:

MH – tabled to February meeting

SUD – tabled to February meeting

DD – Lisa Hayes – topics of discussion

- Connecting the Dots meeting
- THINK differently committee meets bi-monthly the 4th Tuesday of the month at 8:15 AM
- Staffing shortages
- State DSP crisis
- Funding recruitment and retention COLA 5.4%
- Revised COVID-19 protocols
- Self-direction – 25-30 request per week at the DDRO. Lisa provided a quick overview of Self-direction and how it gives individual more choices.
- BOCES has a new Transitional Coordinator

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

N/A

Announcements:

Dhanu Sannesy – NAMI provides Support/Educational meetings for Garnet Health/Medical

Dr. Rebecca Lowy – interested in training for ER Docs on MH – Darcie recommended, MH First Aid and or SafeTalk.

Next meeting: February 8, 2023 - 5:30 P.M. via Microsoft Teams.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Dhanu Sannesy, second Linda Prieto, all present agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:45 P.M.

Regina LaCatena, Executive Secretary/Admin. Assistant - approved @ meeting.