



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

**Meeting Notes CSB February 8, 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, Shannon Kelly, Lauren Savino, MaryAlice Kovach and Lisa Currao.

**Board Members Absent:** Rosangela Alicea

**Present:** Lacey Trimble

Meeting called to order by Nora Shepard at 5:37 P.M.

**Quorum Present: Approval of Minutes:**

November – Motion Juan L., second Linda P. approved, motion carried. L. Currao, L. Savino, M. Kovach and S. Kelly abstained.

**Commissioners Report Lacey Trimble, Deputy Commissioner**

- Departments Annual Report for the County Executive is due Friday– Regina will send report to all board members for review.
- Commissioner and Director of Chemical Dependency Services met with families who lost loved ones to their struggle with opioid addiction. Families provided input on the priority areas for the Opioid Settlement Funds.
  - OCDMH will start issuing RFP for funds in 2023.
- OASAS announced that it will be allocating State Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds to LGUs stating LGUs know the needs in their communities.
  - 3-part formula to determine the amount: Opioid Overdose Rate + Suicide Rate + Non-white population based on 2020 census. We anticipate approximately \$2m for abatement, but do not have the official amount yet.
  - LGUs can allocate the funds as they deem appropriate within the categories established by the State Opioid Settlement Board.
  - Funds will not be claimed on CFR as they are not intended to impact State aid.
- OASAS announced new distribution plans for overdose reversal medication naloxone and fentanyl test strips. In addition, OASAS has partnered with NY MATTERS to ensure OASAS and OMH providers have a supply of fentanyl test strips in all of their programs and facilities. <https://oasas.ny.gov/harm-reduction>
- OCDMH has filled the vacant Director of Mental Health Program Services. Leah Roth will oversee the Department's Clinic, be the point of contact for adult mental health service providers and manage the Disaster Mental Health Team.
- OCDMH is participating in the Family Information and Notification Center Planning for the County. These plans are developed to ensure that families are supported in the event of a mass casualty event. Work began in 2022 and will continue into 2023 with full scale drills.

- Monroe-Woodbury School Based Satellite was approved by OMH and will be opening soon. Several other schools are interested in satellites and OCDMH is submitting applications to the State for approval.
- Orange County was awarded a Youth Assertive Community Treatment (Y-ACT Team). It is an intensive, at-home intervention that brings treatment and services to youth with significant mental health challenges and their families so they can remain at home and together. Collaborative effort between Access Supports for Living and RSS.

**Sub-Committee Report Out:**

Juan L. MH Subcommittee met 1/3 and will meet again 4/24.

Reviewed State Budget – generous proposed MH funding

Reviewed SOC Action Plan

WOTI advanced MI training planned

Staff Shortages

Families shared concerns regarding Garnet Hospital – concerns shared with full board

NAMI shared support group information

Lauren S. SUD Subcommittee – noted that subcommittee has a community member participating now

Reviewed HCS

Opioid Settlement Fund Planning

Revisit the mission of the Prevention/Education Subcommittee

Fatality Review Discussion

Linda P. DD Subcommittee – shared about Article 82 Supported Decision Making in lieu of guardianship. Positive outcomes to date in pilot projects. Linda will share more in future meetings.

**Old Business:**

N/A

**New Business:**

Jessenia – looking for sponsorship for backpack giveaway that she does out of her private practice. Catholic Charities offered potential space options, and Newburgh Schools may be able to connect her with students in need.

**Announcements:**

Lisa H – OU BOCES Transition fair is 4/20 and SUNY Orange Bridges Open House is April 10<sup>th</sup> in both Newburgh and Middletown

Shannon K – Day Rehab in Sullivan has re-opened for face-to-face services for the first time since the pandemic started. Catholic Charities PJ location is in the process of moving to 150 Pike Street in PJ. Open House to be scheduled.

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

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Sandra Brownsey, second Lauren Savino, all present agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:18 P.M.

Regina LaCatena, Executive Secretary/Admin. Assistant - approved @ April 12, 2023 meeting.