



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

Meeting Notes CSB February 10, 2021

CSB Board Members Present: Patricia Quinn, Nora Shepard, Wanda McQueen, Dhanu Sannesy, Michele Iannuzzi Sucich, Linda Prieto, Laura Adler, Lauren Savino, MaryAlice Kovach, Jessenia Ogunade, and Becky Johnson.

Board Members Absent: Lisa Hayes, and Dr. Joseph Chavez-Carey.

Present: Lacey Trimble, Darcie Miller, Regina LaCatena and Thomas Fitzgerald.

Meeting called to order by Patricia Quinn at 5: 32 quorum present.

Approval of Minutes:

November 11, 2020 meeting, motion by Dhanu Sannesy, second Wanda McQueen, motion carried.

Introductions New Board Members: New board members introduced themselves as did the current members.

Commissioners Report Darcie Miller, Commissioner

- **Brief overview** of responsibilities of Mental Health Dept. and Darcie's roll at DSS to members.
- **COVID-19** – NYS recently did a survey for behavioral health needs - 37% of people said they were dealing with poor mental health (typical number is approximately 25%) 42% Hispanic, 39% of color/black, age group 18-35 is 49%. Orange County **Vaccination Sites** Goshen, and Newburgh. Cornerstone Family Health Center is currently distributing vaccinations and Access Supports For Living will begin distributing vaccines in the Newburgh location. Must sign up for appointments on-line. Discussions are underway with regard to mobile teams going out to locations i.e. group homes, individuals who cannot get to a location due to health or transportation issues. Currently there are 35,000 eligible people in OC for the vaccine, 2 to 5 thousand shots per week are available. On Feb. 15 there will be an eligible list for people with certain chronic diseases. Currently vaccinations are not approved for 16 years of age or younger.
- **Project Hope** after a commercial was aired for project hope, their website received 1200 hits, calls that were received were turned over to local support centers. Face Book, twitter and Tik Tok are the new way to get messaging out and connect people with information. Providers are working, utilizing outreach services, tele-medicine, tele-therapy and people are still struggling. Commissioner Miller was on the steering committee for Project Hope, made recommendations to State regarding providers. **Nora Shepard** is involved with Project Hope, working collaboratively with agencies, marketing is being beefed up including Instagram. Collectively working to get counselors when 311 calls are received a list is distributed to agencies for call back, the agencies are divided up by regions for presentations, each agency has own intake line. **Jessenia Ogunade** is also involved in Project Hope - teams are available at the POD (Point of

Distribution) for the COVID-19 vaccine, counselors are available to provide emotional support, group counseling, individual counseling, and presentations to community/providers, etc. Teams are available, willing, and flexible to assist where needed. Any interaction for services will count toward data they will collect for this project.

- **Back to School** there has been a push to get students back to school, young people are not connected the way they used to be.
- **Police Reform Reinvention project** - This Order signed by Governor Cuomo requires that each local government entity which has a police agency operating with police officers as defined under 1.20 of the Criminal Procedure Law to convene a group of stakeholders from government and the community to perform such evaluation. Municipalities must address policing functions, standards, and strategies; fostering community-oriented leadership, culture, and accountability; and recruiting and supporting excellent and diverse personnel. This Advisory Panel will gather input from the public, and then make recommendations to the County Legislature to adopt the plan which then must be signed by the County Executive and sent to the State no later than April 1, 2021. You can access additional information at this link from the Sheriff's Dept. website https://www.orangecountygov.com/2014/Police-Reform?fbclid=IwAR2QTvOF9R6P-pbWG_YD9VBui6Fzd5Day_PHWNIJu6qwl3WmcqE62gu5vI Local Police Departments were to do it on their own.
- **Child Advocacy Center** Office location has been established on Matthews Street, Goshen, includes law enforcement, District Attorney's office, County Attorney, Counselor and advocate. This is a child and family friendly location.
- **ODMAP Data** we do not have the final overdose numbers for 2020 yet, however currently there are 165 fatalities, additional data will be provided when we have it.

Jessenia noted she would like to get involved with the Mobile Response Team regarding Project Hope. Nora will connect with her.

MaryAlice Kovatch would like to join the Substance Use sub-committee of the CSB.

New Business:

N/A

Old Business:

N/A

Elections 2021 Term:

Jessenia nominated **Nora Shepard** for Chairperson

All approved – motion carried

Nora nominated **Patricia Quinn** for Co-Chairperson

All approved – motion carried

Secretary's position was discussed, anyone interested in will email Regina

Sub-Committee Report-out:

Substance Use Disorder:

- This committee meets bi-monthly on the second Tuesday
- Next Meeting February 16, 2021/April 13, 2021 - 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Mental Health Sub-Committee:

- This committee meets quarterly on the fourth Monday
- Next meeting April 26, 2021 – 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee: Patricia Quinn –

- No Report – last meeting they were addressing Website updates.
- This committee meets monthly – the first Monday of each month
- Next meeting, March 1, 2021 - 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Announcements:

N/A

Next meeting: March 10, 2021 - 5:30 P.M. via Microsoft Teams Regina will send invite.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Michele Iannuzzi Sucich, second Dhanu Sannesy, all present agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:44 P.M.

 approved @ 3/10/2021 meeting
Regina LaCatena, Executive Secretary/Admin. Assistant 2/25/2021