



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

Meeting Notes CSB February 19, 2020

CSB Board Members Present: Nolly Climes, Matthew Corrigan (via telephone), Tenise Wall, Dr. Joseph Chavez-Carey, Donna Geidel, Julia Fraino, Patricia Quinn, Lori Hulle, Kyle Roddey, and Dhanu Sannesy.

Board Members Absent: Becky Johnson, Michele Iannuzzi Sucich, Lisa Hayes, Wanda McQueen, and Nora Shepard.

Present: Regina LaCatena, and Darcie Miller.

Meeting called to order by Tenise Wall, 5:35 quorum present.

Meeting Minutes – 01/08/2020:

Motion to approve Tenise Wall, second Kyle Roddey, and motion carried.

Commissioners Report Darcie Miller, Commissioner

- Medicaid – six billion dollar deficit in NYS budget for Medicaid. With Federal Government stipulations agencies/counties will be greatly impacted by Medicaid charges state wide. Already an “underfunded system” costs get duplicated by not communicating with Local Government (LGU).
- Bail Reform took effect January 1, 2020. Still actively working on proposed legislation to delay bail reform.
- Meeting is scheduled next week to discuss transition with regard to moving our clinic out the jail. Sheriff’s Office released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to contract for the Mental Health Services within the Jail.
- Orange County Crisis Call Center – Radio and billboard advertisements have been finalized to promote the number to contact and that help is available. When we finalize the three digit number, “311”, we will advertise the same. Regina will send voice recording of radio advertisement to board members.
- Housing for people with mental illness continues to be an issue. Wait lists are long. Communities “not in my back yard” creates problems for builders/providers wanting to create additional housing.
- Think Differently Committee – Expanding opportunities for people with all abilities. Committee is currently promoting a viewing of the movie “Peanut Butter Falcon” Tuesday, February 25, 2020 2:00 PM at the Paramount Theater in Middletown.
- Resiliency Project with Cornell Cooperative leading the charge for the 23rd Annual Making Healthful Decisions Conference March 18, 2020 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM “Tools For Growing Resilience” for Schools, Health & Human Services and the Community. Regina will send flyer.

Sub-Committee Report-out:

Substance Use Disorder: Next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2020

Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee – Patricia Quinn – This sub-committee is currently discussing the following item: Project Lifesaver – combine two forms into one, providing the project lifesaver information and how it works possibly through training with the care managers. No new money for family support services, State liaison working to assist with funding to help cover these costs. Next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 5:30 PM @ OCDMH.

Mental Health Sub-Committee – Nolly Climes – This sub-committee is currently focused on Peer movement & integration of services, staffing & salaries. Lack of communication with Hispanic/Latino communities, and lack of child psychiatry. Nolly noted that RSS had a wonderful experience with the assistance of a security guard at Bon Secours Hospital with a client. Next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2020.

Old Business:

- Dhanu: Suicide rates are both rising and alarming. People that are admitted to hospitals with suicidal ideation, upon discharge are completing suicide shortly thereafter.
- Darcie: The first two weeks after discharge are the most critical, and that is why follow-up is important. The State of New York currently has the lowest rate suicide nationally. https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/the-suicide-rate-in-ny-state-is-the-lowest-in-the-nation-experts-want-to-figure-out-why/2020/01/31/eed271b6-21cc-11ea-a153-dce4b94e4249_story.html Like other states, state of [New York has seen its rate increase](#). But New York has consistently reported rates well below those of the United States overall. Compared with the national rate of 14 suicides per 100,000 people in 2017, New York's was just 8.1, the lowest suicide rate in the nation. <https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/annual/measure/Suicide/state/NY?edition-year=2019> technically NY went from a rate of 8.3 to a rate of 8.4 which is currently the lowest in the nation. The above link allows you to select different years if they want to do a deep dive looking at the numbers.
- Pat: Recently participated in an equine event for those suffering with PTSD, it was interesting and heartwarming.

Darcie – regarding recommendation from the SUD Sub-committee –

- HONORehg is now accepting referrals 24/7 they were closed due to staffing issues.
- RC Ward State operated 820 facility will no longer provide services under 820 as of April 1, 2020
- The new Orange County Resource Recovery Center (old Holiday Inn, Middletown) Detox and Recovery Center is now open – currently 70 person capacity, intake hours are until 8 P.M. during the week and 9 – 5 on weekends. They recently requested “swing bed” to accommodate the needs. The staff have been attending LGU provider meetings.
- Emergency rooms are always an option.

New Business:

N/A

Announcements:

- April 24 from 10:00 – 12:00 Annual Mental Health Conference – Psychiatry and Nutrition Presented by Drs. Batson and Pinto of Crystal Run Healthcare.
- May 3 Trauma Treatment in Children & Adolescents – Tenise Wall NYC

- March 26 – 6:30 PM Pine Bush Central School District, Circleville Middle School – screening of “Screenagers II”

Next meeting: March 11, 2020 - 5:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Lori Hulle, second Julie Fraino, all present agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:50 P.M.

Regina LaCatena approved @ 3/11/2020 meeting

Regina F. LaCatena, Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant 02/26/2020