



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

Meeting Notes CSB March 8, 2023

CSB Board Members Present: Nora Shepard, Linda Prieto, Dhanu Sannesy, Dr. Guy Delisfort, Rosangela Alicea, Dr. Rebecca Lowy, Lauren Savino.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Michele Iannuzzi Sucich, Juan (Jay) Lantigua, Lisa Hayes, Jessenia Ogunade, Sandra Brownsey, Shannon Kelly, MaryAlice Kovach and Lisa Currao

Present: Darcie Miller, Regina LaCatena

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

No Quorum Present:

Vote on February meeting notes tabled, no quorum.

Commissioners Report Darcie Miller, Commissioner

- Departments Annual Report for the County Executive was submitted, and all board members received a copy via email.
- County Executive is holding his State of the County Address on April 18, 2023:
 - He will highlight the good work being done in the county with regard to NARCAN and Substance Use Disorder Crisis initiatives, including a “mailer” that will go out to all county residence with a Deterra packs and card providing information on medication assisted treatments available and how to get a NARCAN kit and training.
 - Focusing on providing trainings to all high school students and community members for NARCAN, and CPR, Mental Health has suggested he include Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR).
- Commissioner and Director of Chemical Dependency Services met with families who lost loves ones to their struggle with opioid addiction for a second time. Families provided input on the priority areas for the Opioid Settlement Funds.
- Deputy Commissioner, Lacey Trimble, has completed the RFP and it is currently being reviewed by Law Dept. once approved, RFP will be posted on bid it.
- District Attorney Hoovler will be doing a public forum in collaboration with ADAC and the Department of Mental Health regarding fentanyl. Dept. of Mental Health has reached out to Dr. Corey Waller to potentially present for this event.
- Staffing Issues:
 - Department of Mental Health currently has five vacancies for Staff Social Worker, we received approval for a pilot program to offer a hybrid option for staff social workers. The administrative team is working out the details of rolling that out with a start date of April.
 - HELP Civil Service – would waive testing to achieve permanency for social workers and support staff positions. (Currently being reviewed by HR)
- Goshen community is developing a coalition.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

N/A

Announcements:

Dhanu – are there any support groups for families/people that have lost loved ones to opioid addiction?
Regina will send out information to members.

Lauren – ADAC held their annual poster contest, they had 1,352 submissions, 200 essays, they will honor 180 students on May 12th @ the paramount theatre in Middletown. Six awards will be given to youth and for the first time a memorial poster for Lori Hulle.

Linda – Orange County THINK Differently (OCTD):

- The mission of Orange County Think Differently is to fulfill the promise of a community where all people can fully participate, are valued for their unique contributions, and can achieve their dream.
- Recently provided all staff at OC Lego Land with training in awareness. The facility now has sensory guides throughout the park.
- Recipient of Light It Up Blue – to be held April 15 from 4 – 9 PM at The County Club at Otterkill, Campbell Hall, NY
- OCTD can assist with messaging, marketing and outreach.

Darcie – recently has been tasked with educating the community/ED medical staff regarding CDC guidelines with regard to SUD – mission is to reach physicians, Darcie feels that it would be better received from a doctor (colleague to colleague) not necessarily her. Are there meetings within the hospitals where this could be discussed? Dr. Lowy touched on the fact that hospitals are more autonomous whereas more of the education is during academics. Possibly investigate the hospital pharmacist being available on the units to educate/be available to staff regarding medications and best practices for SUD patients.

Next meeting: April 12, 2023 - 5:30 P.M. via Microsoft Teams.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Linda Prieto, second Dr. Guy Delisfort, all present agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:35 P.M.

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