



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

Meeting Notes CSB March 10, 2021

CSB Board Members Present: Nora Shepard, Wanda McQueen, Linda Prieto, Laura Adler, MaryAlice Kovach, Jessenia Ogunade, Becky Johnson, Lisa Hayes, Guy Delisfort and Dr. Joseph Chavez-Carey.

Board Members Absent: Patricia Quinn, Dhanu Sannesy, Lauren Savino, and Michele Iannuzzi Sucich.

Present: Lacey Trimble, and Regina LaCatena.

Meeting called to order by Nora Shepard at 5: 35 - quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

February 10, 2021 meeting, motion by Wanda McQueen, second Laura Adler, motion carried.

Introductions New Board Member: New board member Guy Delisfort introduced himself to other members.

Commissioners Report Lacey Trimble, Deputy Commissioner
Planned Merger of OMH and OASAS into OAMHS

- Advocates requested a formal mechanism for providing feedback to OASAS/OMH as they work to create a new OAMHS and that stakeholders have a meaningful role in the design of the new agency. A Statewide Advisory Council was convened, workgroups were established: Structure of the NYHS Office of Addiction and Mental Health Services; Regulatory Framework for OAMHS; Access to Integrated Care; Agency Culture; Prevention; Budget; Workforce; Recovery/Stigma; Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion; and Priority Issues. We have representation on some of the workgroups, space was limited so we were not selected for all of them. Each workgroup will meet 3 times.
 - **Regulatory: First Session themes** Emphasis on integrated care, Reducing redundant regulations; Should integrated care move forward, some feel they should not make changes too quickly so the system can catch up to the changes. **Regulatory Second Session themes** Regulatory framework should support good care not just excise bad care; Should promote access; Uniformity across oversight organizations; Creative opportunities that have been allowed during COVID should continue as they support the above three (3).
- **CORE** Adults Behavioral Health Home and Community Based Services transitioning to Community Oriented Recovery and Empowerment (CORE) Services. NYS has applied to CMS to

transition the authority for Adult behavioral health HCBS from 1915(i) services to adult rehab services under the 1115 waiver, available to HARP enrollees & HARP Eligible HIV SNP enrollees.

- Goals: decrease barriers to access, simplify referral process, expand referral pool, simplify program design, and reduce administrative burden on providers.
- **O-LOV Vaccination program** the Office of Mental Health is currently in the preliminary planning stages for a mobile vaccination clinic in (Orange county). We are assisting with planning, providing an estimate of how many staff and clients we have in our programs who are both eligible for and interested in receiving the vaccine, and could be served by a vaccine clinic in county. The date and site of this clinic is yet to be determined. Eligibility criteria is as follows:
 - Staff with patient facing responsibilities in OMH and OASAS operated, funded, or certified residential program.
 - Staff with patient facing responsibilities in OMH and OASAS operated, funded, or certified ambulatory treatment or support programs.
 - Clients in OMH and OASAS operated, funded, or certified congregate residential programs (for OMH, this includes all licensed housing and SP-SROs).
 - Clients in OMH and OASAS operated, funded, or certified ambulatory behavioral treatment or support programs who are either: Age 60+; or Have a qualifying health condition (<https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/phased-distribution-vaccine#phase-1a--phase-1b>)
 - Public-facing government and public employees
 - Not-for-profit workers who provide public-facing services to New Yorkers in need
 - Essential in-person public-facing building service workers
 - Recently added OPWDD (NYC only), OTDA and OCFS to O-LOV programs. OPWDD ROS is allocated to local DOH and coordinated through CCOs.
- **WELCOME Orange** We have time with Dr. Ken Minkoff provided through a grant the Harris Project received. Had an initial meeting with him to discuss next steps. He may be able to provide coaching to agencies or groups of agencies who are working to improve co-occurring capacity.
- **WELCOME Orange Training Institute Upcoming Training:** Ethical Considerations: Therapist Self Disclosure, Counter-transference and Self-Care April 30 10AM- 1PM.
- **Overdose Data**

2020 ODMAP Data (suspected)	Medical Examiner Data 2020	2021 Overdose Data ODMAP Data (suspected)
600 Overdoses (52% increase over 2019) 186 Fatalities 212 Naloxone	137 Overdose Deaths (121 Opioid related) Average age 39.2 (Range 14-71) 69% Male 78% White 24.7% increase over 2019	90 Overdoses (Jan 48, Feb 31, Mar 11) 6 Fatalities (Jan 3, Feb 2, Mar 1) 33 Naloxone (Jan 20, Feb 11, Mar 2)

Using DOH grant funding planning a pilot project to provide peer support to individuals who are identified as experiencing a non-fatal overdose. The peer will connect with the individual within 24-48 hours and offer a support package backpack with a naloxone kit, resource materials, and offer to link to treatment.

- **Highlights of the American Rescue Plan – Senate passed version**
- **SAMHSA Block Grants:** Provides \$3 billion (\$1.5 billion each) for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant and the Community Mental Health Services block grant.
- **CCBHCs:** Provides \$420 million to SAMHSA to fund Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion Grants.
- **Provider Relief Funds:** \$8.5 billion in new money to the Provider Relief Fund for providers in rural areas and those serving rural communities.
- **Medicaid Incentives**
 - **Medicaid Expansion:** For a two-year period, the bill provides a 5% increase in FMAP for states that have not already done so to expand Medicaid.
 - **Mobile Crisis:** For a three-year period, the bill permits states to provide bundled payments for community-based mobile crisis intervention services at an 85% FMAP rate. Earlier versions provided this payment increase for a five-year period. This provision also includes \$15 million in planning grants to states to develop state plan amendments or 1115 waivers to implement.
 - **Home and Community-based Services:** For one-year, the bill provides a 10% FMAP increase (subject to a 95% limit) for states to make improvements to Medicaid Home and Community-based Services (HCBS).
 - **Tribes:** Provides a two-year extension of 100% FMAP to Urban Indian Health Organizations and Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems.
- **Other MH/SUD Funding:** Provides more than \$450 million in additional funding for SAMHSA and HRSA programming including funding for mental health and addiction services, workforce education and training, suicide prevention and public education campaigns.

Nora - Peer RX – upgraded when peer receives a call/request they can do a video chat right away with the person in need of help.

New Business:

N/A

Old Business:

Election of Secretary for the Board – Laura Savino nominated by MaryAlice Kovatch, Linda Prieto second, no one opposed.

Election of two additional member to the Executive Board – Laura Adler, Becky Johnson

Sub-Committee Report-out:

Substance Use Disorder:

- Met on February 16, 2021 no representative to report out
- Next meeting 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 –

- Becky Johnson – Mental Health Association in Orange County (MHA) presented an overview of their services.
- Lisa Hayes –
 - Vaccine conversations trying to find providers to serve the DD population in the community.
 - Budget cuts CCO's cut 16% when transition from MSC to care coordination, now facing an additional 23%, currently campaign to contact officials. The CCO's are working together to fight the almost 40% cut for IDD.
 - CCO's were created and became operational in July of 2018 when Health Homes were created. At that time all not for profit agencies were no longer able to provide MSC services so agencies came together to form CCO's to provide comprehensive care management for people with IDD. If a person is not eligible for this service the CCO's will connect you to the appropriate services.
- Next meeting, April 5, 2021 - 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Announcements:

Jessenia - Project Hope can provide in person or zoom support, supportive calls for families in the community, and provide bi-lingual services, to date Project Hope has served 3,296 people with support.

Jessenia – Project Hope collaborated with Cornell Cooperative providing support group for 10 weeks to working mothers affected by COVID – March 18 7:00 PM English / March 20 7 PM Spanish.

Laura A – Staff weekly wellness group on Wednesday @2:00 PM, ACCESS VR information sessions have started 3 sessions per week.

Next meeting: April 14, 2021 - 5:30 P.M. via Microsoft Teams Regina will send invite.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Jessenia, second Becky, all present agreed, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 6:11 P.M.



Regina LaCatena, Executive Secretary/Admin. Assistant 3/31/2021