



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

Meeting Notes CSB March 14, 2018

CSB Board Members Present: Nolly Climes (via telephone), Jim Conklin, Matthew Corrigan, Carol Lamoreaux, Becky Johnson, Julia Fraino, Peggy Spagnola, Michele Iannuzzi Sucich, Sharraine Franklin, and Joseph Carey(via telephone).

Board Members Absent: Dawn Wilkin, Jose De Jesus, Susan Murray-Tetz, Dhanu Sannesy.

Present: Regina LaCatena, and Darcie Miller.

Meeting called to order by Jim, 5:35 PM

Meeting Minutes – 01/10/2018:

Motion to approve Matthew C., second Carol L., all approved - motion carried.

Commissioners Report – Darcie Miller, Commissioner

- Expansion of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services in the Jail Mental Health Clinic. 12.8 million of funding has been allocated across NY State. Supported by Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. Department of Corrections is also supportive of expanding services.
- Frustration over community controversy regarding in-patient services proposal in Wallkill.
 - Initial proposal was for 816, 818, 820 & 822, they withdrew 820 & 822. Detox and Rehab still on table for discussion.
 - Access to services is our current issue, not the facilities.
 - Provider currently has two facilities in Staten Island.
 - Provider is closely aligned with OASAS.
 - It is not the LGU's role/responsibility to fill beds, it is the Providers responsibility.
- In 2016 there were 50 deaths by OD/ in 2017 there were 99 deaths by OD.
- Barriers to access include: payment; insurance; poor recruitment; training; and retention.
- Catholic Charities has lost Clinical Directors due to limited salaries.
- Prescribers for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is limited. And people are not aware who the prescribers are.
- Peer Specialist - Provided by two agencies: Independent Living, Inc. and PEOPLE, Inc. – they do not provide treatment, they assist with support during transition.
- Coordination of services are needed.

- Friday March 16, - 9:30 – 11:00 – Changing the Eco System in Orange County meeting.
- Stigma – we need to push each other to be accountable.
- Had a successful workforce meeting - deficit direct care providers, how we may go forward:
 - expanding rate of pay
 - more training for workforce
- STR Funds – awarded to Catholic Charities from OASAS
 - Five Peers
 - Two counselors
 - Transportation services
 - Providing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is a requirement
- State Services:
 - Closure/downsizing State facilities
 - Closed Community Residence in Chester
 - Now closing Community Residence in Middletown
 - Will not create new community residence and will not RFP it. Thirty beds down gave us 12 supportive apartment beds and added one FTE to the Outreach Team
 - ACT – seven (7) – nine (9) member staff, State has operated 68 slots, down to 48, now in the process of working with a community agency to license for new team.
- Deputy Commissioner Thomas R. Bolzan, has retired. We will seek to fill this position within the department.

New Board Members Appointed:

Dr. Tenise Wall – introduction and welcome
 Dhanu Sannesy – Absent

Carol L. asked a question w/regard to the Medical Village in Port Jervis – Does the Dept. of Mental Health have anything to do with this project? Yes, our outpatient MH clinic will be part of the Medical Village, we will be moving our clinic location to the hospital grounds upon completion of renovations of office space for us.

Sub-Committee Report-Out:

Mental Health: Nolly Climes

- Housing – landlords evict a lot easier when markets are up.
- Mental health issues w/clients housing is an issue. Possibly Inaudy Esposito of the Human Rights Commission might be a good contact Re: discrimination.
- People are not getting access to housing due to regulations
- Housing is sub-standard
- What are channels to organize to help with this issue
 - State advocacy, NYAPRS may have some impact on Senate? Look at what has been done.

- Specific items CSB Board can make recommendations to Darcie and CSB Board can send letter to officials, i.e. legislators, assembly, senators, etc.

Developmental Disabilities:

- Reviewing County Plan
- Membership – may need additional person, Carol will let Regina know.

Chemical Dependency:

- Sub-committee has not yet met.

Old Business

New Business

Announcements:

Next meeting: April 11, 2018 - 5:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Sharraine, second Becky, all agreed, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 P.M.

Regina LaCatena approved @ 6/13/18 meeting.

Regina F. LaCatena, Administrative Assistant 03/30/2018