



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

**Meeting Notes CSB April 10, 2019**

**CSB Board Members Present:** Susan Murray-Tetz, Carol Lamoreaux, Michele Iannuzzi Sucich (via telephone), Julia Fraino (via telephone), Nolly Climes, Becky Johnson, Tenise Wall, Patricia Quinn, Erica Velez, Jose De Jesus, Donna Geidel, Dhanu Sannesy, and Dr. Joseph Chavez-Carey.

**Board Members Absent:** Matthew Corrigan, and Dawn Wilkin.

**Present:** Regina LaCatena, and Darcie Miller.

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Meeting called to order by Tenise, 5:36 quorum present.

**Meeting Minutes – 03/13/2019:**

Motion to approve Dhanu, second Susan, and Jose abstained – remainder members approved - motion carried.

**Commissioners Report – Darcie Miller, Commissioner**

- Mobile Crisis Call Center officially opened on April 1. OCDMH Staff visit daily, staff are “on the job learning” callers, mobile team and peers are co-located within the 911 call center. Board members asked if we could possibly schedule our next board meeting at the 911 center and get a tour. Darcie/Regina will put in a request. 800-832-1200 is the current phone number to connect with the Crisis Call Center, soon to be a three digit number “311”. Marketing materials are currently being worked on.
- County Executive will be presenting the County Address from his location overseas, on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m.
- Hope Not Handcuffs: is police diversion for people w/substance abuse problems, is made up of concerned citizens, and family members – “Angels” provide response, care package, and help connect the person to treatment on the spot. This diversion program was implemented by the Tri-County coalition replicated after a Massachusetts police diversion program. The coalition hopes to promote this initiative county wide and involve all 32 police departments in Orange County. Substance users require specialized treatment and assessed for correct level of care.
- Columbia University and Montefiore – Awarded grant, Orange County will be one of the recipients to received approximately two million dollars toward the opiate crisis. Overall goal is to reduce overdose deaths by 40%. There will be an Orange County resident (in recovery) present for the press release to be held on April 18 in D.C.

- Newburgh Court Connections – Newburgh City court has agreed to participate in a Forensic Court Connections program. We have identified a consultant that will be hired and supervised through OCDMH to work with people with addiction and they will be offered jail diversion by entering treatment. A meeting is scheduled with the Town of Wallkill to discuss the same for their court.
- School Satellite – Middletown School District PAR has been finally approved. Contractual Staff have been hired. Donna Geidel – if any of the districts want to speak with her regarding the success of the Satellite program, please feel free to contact her, Pine Bush has utilized this program for a few years now, and very pleased with the collaboration with OCDMH.
- Jail SUD – Budget does include increase we will receive 60,000 this year, we are in the process of hiring a contractual staff member.
- OCFS – Child protective
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) – coordinating with the Police Academy to lessen the amount of hours training police officers, currently take 3 day MH training in addition to the 40 hours of CIT.
- NYS Operations are/have been reducing their footprint – wanted to close the Transitional Residence in Middletown, then temporarily closed it, it hasn't been open for over a year. HONORehg Youth homeless shelter, was asked to move by May 1, 2019. With the assistance of Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, HONORehg was able to secure a lease for the vacant State Transition Residence for the youth shelter. It is a nicer building, recently renovated, and will be a good place to house our youth.

#### **Sub-Committee Report-out:**

- Substance Abuse Sub-committee – No one present to report out from this committee.
- Developmental Disabilities Sub-committee – Community Support Initiative
  - Tracking 2017 survey showed 272 individuals were unserved, where are these individuals today – are they being served?
  - In 2016 the “Front Door Process, was implemented and not working well at that time.
  - Barrier – not enough employees to provide approved services.
  - Agencies are losing staff to direct care services.
  - Direct services providers have heard the message
    - Pass reimbursable money to direct service providers
    - More flexible with training ours for staff
    - How do we elevate the status of the people that provide the services?
    - Tiered model 1 – \$12.95 – \$14.00 per hour, Enhanced model - \$15.60 per hour
  - 2020 priorities are being reviewed.
  - Community Choice First – was to be implemented July 1, now moved to December 1.
  - This is the last year for Carol and Jose to serve on the CSB Board new members will need to be recruited.

- Next meeting April 30 @ 5:00 p.m.
- Mental Health Sub-committee – meets April 29 @ 5:00 p.m.

**Old Business:**

N/A

**New Business**


- Board Member Donna Geidel – there are youth groups in Pine Bush, one in particular, agriculture/gardening looking for projects to work on. Recommended to connect w/Nolly of Rehabilitation Support Services to possibly work at the Hamptonburgh Residential location.
- Erica Velez had a question for Darcie re: Raise the Age & transporting a person that is a run-away, this question was with regard to a neighboring county.
- Susan Murray-Tetz – Amy Anderson-Winchell of ACCESS Supports for Living asking for donations for a Foundation – Professional Development to bring in nationally known presenters. She states this new foundation will not have a negative impact on the, already existing, Orange County Training Institute / Orange County Trauma Institute training program which has been providing professional development opportunities for our system of care staff for the last nine years.

**Announcements:**

- Tomorrow April 11 at Anthony's Pier 9– NYS Stop DWI Mid-Hudson's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors – Topic is "Nightmare of Marijuana"
- Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) – announced, April 17 to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Awareness all county employees will wear blue.
- April 26, collaboration of WELCOME Orange/JMHCA - SUNY Orange County Community College Conference and Job Fair- will be promoting work with/emerging adults, Resilience is the topic with presenter Tenise Wall and Commissioner Miller will be there to do the opening remarks.
- May 13 NAMI- Mental Health Education Meeting – Three peers and three family members will be sharing their experiences.
- May is Children's Mental Health Awareness month. Annual conference will be held on May 14 at Thomas Bull Memorial Park, the title of this presentation is: "No Such Thing as a Bad Child". The Annual walk is planned for May 4, in Newburgh. (Algonquin Park)
- NAMI will provide a children's conference on May 7.

**Next meeting:** May 8, 2019 - 5:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Dhanu, second Becky, all agreed, motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned 7:15 P.M.

 approved @ 5/8/19 meeting

Regina F. LaCatena, Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant 4/22/2019