



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

Meeting Notes CSB April 12, 2023

CSB Board Members Present: Nora Shepard, Linda Prieto, Dhanu Sannesy, Dr. Guy Delisfort, Dr. Michele Iannuzzi Sucich, Juan (Jay) Lantigua, Dr. Rebecca Lowy, Jessenia Ogunade, MaryAlice Kovach, Lauren Savino.

Board Members Absent: Lisa Hayes, Rosangela Alicea, Sandra Brownsey, Shannon Kelly, and Lisa Currao

Present: Lacey Trimble, Regina LaCatena

Meeting called to order by Nora Shepard at 5:35 P.M.

Quorum Present: Approval of Minutes:

February 8, 2023 – motion Juan, second Linda, all approved

March 8, 2023 – motion Dhanu, second Linda, all approved.

Commissioners Report Lacey Trimble, Deputy Commissioner

- April is Autism Awareness month, Think Differently Orange County is being honored by the Light it Up Blue organization on Saturday, April 15 from 4 -9 PM at the Otterkill Country Club. This is a free event open to all.
- County ARPA funds - \$250,000 split between Think Differently and CIT.
- Fentanyl Awareness Presentation co-sponsored with the District Attorney's Office, Orange County Library's, and HEALing Communities. May 9, live stream and in person/hybrid.
- May 6 – Children's Mental Health Awareness Walk
- Requests For Proposals (RFP) are currently being reviewed by law department, once approved they will be published for responses – county will receive an additional opioid settlement funds of 2.7 million this year then 1.35 million next year - funds through 2040 – \$ amount lessening each year.
- County Executive - Substance Use Disorder Crisis initiatives, mailer that will go out to all county residence (132,000) with a Deterra pack and card providing information on medication assisted treatments available and how to get a NARCAN kit and training.
- HEALing Communities marketing Medication Assistance via Facebook and billboards.
- April 19, County Executives State of County Address
- NARCAN will be available over the counter sometime in May 2023

Nora noted: Independent Living Peers give out Narcan to everyone they interact with to date that is approximately 150 plus people.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Linda Prieto –

- BOCES is hosting a transitional fair on April 20, Linda will provide a presentation on Think Differently Orange County.
- May 31, kick off event “SMILE” Think Differently.
- HONOR Shelter in Middletown is creating a sensory room and naming it after Linda’s daughter, Cadence, nicknamed “butterbean” – Butterbeans Sensory Room.

Dr. Guy Delisfort -

- NFA School - Restorative Practices – faculty/staff connect to discuss concerns they have – NFA North students watched a video on empathy “under the surface” stopped for an hour and connected with each other – very nice moment.

Dr. Rebecca Lowy –

- One scribe interested in behavioral health is currently comparing Emergency Department visits post the hiring of Trish T. – will be interesting to see results. Hopes of reducing length of stay.
- Nora –
- Please support/make call to support 8.5 % cola for direct care staff.

Next meeting: May 10, 2023 - 5:30 P.M. via Microsoft Teams.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by MaryAlice Kovach, second Dr. Guy Delisfort, all present agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 5:59 P.M.

Regina LaCatena, Executive Secretary/Admin. Assistant - approved @ June 14, 2023, meeting.