



**ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
HEALTH**

Community Services Board

Meeting

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Meeting Notes CSB April 14, 2021

CSB Board Members Present: Nora Shepard, Shannon Kelly, Linda Prieto, Pat Quinn, Jessenia Ogunade, Guy Delisfort, Laura Adler, MaryAlice Kovach, Dhanu Sannesy, Lauren Savino, Becky Johnson, and Michele Iannuzzi Sucich.

Board Members Absent: Wanda McQueen, Lisa Hayes, Dr. Joseph Chavez-Carey,

Present: Lacey Trimble, Darcie Miller.

Meeting called to order by Nora Shepard at 5:40 - quorum was present at 5:44.

Approval of Minutes:

March 10, 2021 meeting, motion by Linda Prieto, second Jessenia Ogunade, motion carried.

Introductions New Board Member: New board member Shannon Kelly introduced herself to other members.

Introduction of current members to new members: All members introduced themselves.

Commissioners Report Darcie Miller, Commissioner

- Welcome and thank you to new and current members
- NYS budget has passed. Some good news out of budget. American Recovery Act will positively impact our service system. NYS receiving \$425 Million for mental health services 20% withholdings are being returned and 5% cuts were removed from budget, the integration of the two state offices was not approved.
- NYS looking to fund crisis services in response to law enforcement interactions with individuals who experience mental health challenges. Orange County has a project currently in the works to have additional peer supports for individuals with a SUD disorder who interact with the Port Jervis PD. We are preparing to potentially present the Orange County crisis services continuum to the other counties across the state. Hopefully they will learn from us and increase support for the crisis continuum.
- 9th year of WELCOME Orange in our county, better at welcoming and partnering, really focusing on improving co-occurring integrated care. Dr. Ken Minkoff, Zia Partners, is consulting with Orange County as part of a Region wide initiative.
- Continuing to work with schools. Darcie will attend a meeting with superintendents to discuss connecting children and families to services on both the MH and DSS side. Promote a model on the DSS side that had preventive workers on site at the schools. Promoting trust and school success.

- Invited to the Orange County School Board Association meeting in May to address the same topics as above.
- Rise in suicide attempts and MH challenges across all ages, but particularly among school age children. Talking to schools about how to expand those conversations.
- Encourage everyone to visit the Project Hope website.
- Children's MH week first week in May, Project Hope working diligently to connect with schools, may see things we might have missed when students have not been in person until now.
- Tammy Rhein is organizing an Overdose Response Initiative. Have met with Law Enforcement and MAT work group. Two of three hospitals committed to providing packet of information and Narcan kit to individuals and/or their families after a non-fatal overdose. Just had another spike alert from the Syndromic Surveillance System. We had 3 Spike Alerts in March. CE Neuhaus focused on putting behavioral health resources out during his nightly Facebook address to the county. ILI Peer is actively providing outreach to individuals who experiences a non-fatal overdose. Have outreached to 6 individuals so far.
- Legislation passed that requires that ACEs information be distributed to DSS and primary care physicians and that connections to services are made for individuals who experience ACEs. Mitigation of ACEs has been a focus on the Orange County Resilience Project and our team, led by Cornell Cooperative Extension has participated in statewide meetings related to building resilience.

New Business:

- Nora shared about Project Hope's work at the PODS, also targeting housing complexes for seniors to offer groups
- Jessenia shared about Working Mothers Support Group and planned future group for Adolescents and Parents.
- Shannon Kelly interested in joining a subcommittee. Will reach out to Regina

Old Business:

Sub-Committee Report-out: Substance Use Disorder:

- Met on April 13, 2021
- Talked about County Plan that is coming up. Hoping to have all comments and suggestions in by June 1st meeting
- Talked about change in the ecosystem related to overdoses. 5 spike alerts recently Combined effort with police, HIDA and Crime Analysis. Difficult to get an MOU in place. Overdoses have gone as low as 9 years old. Many different substances involved.
- MAT workgroup active
- Increase in Alcohol overdoses in ERs, St. Luke's has a doctor who is studying this.
- Vivitrol is being promoted for treatment of alcohol use disorder
- Discussed the Opioid Response Team.
- Discussed the LEAN project. The Addiction Case Manager had 74 SUD referrals in the last month.
- Discussed children's need for services for SUD and MH and adolescent workgroup
- BOCES has put out resources for students

- Jail Clinic transitioned to WellPath April 1st from the County operated program. All services are still in place.
- Marijuana workgroup is very active. Probation is involved. Challenging to navigate impact of new laws. Libraries reaching out asking for presentations about these issues.
- Columbia research project will have peers telling their stories.
- Adolescent prevention education efforts of the county.
- Changes to waiver rules for suboxone hopefully a positive.
- Wants to know if any programs exist for individuals who want to get off suboxone Pain Management overlap when you need treatment for pain but have history of struggles with substance.
- Next meeting 5/11 - 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Mental Health Sub-Committee:

- No updates
- Next meeting April 26, 2021 – 5:00 – 6:00

Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee: Patricia Quinn –

- Met on, April 5, 2021
- Discussed on state plan to vaccinate individuals in OPWDD system. Was mostly J&J which is now on pause.
- New residence for people in OPWDD system, believes that vaccination will be required for this new site.
- CCOs are trying to connect people to vaccination
- COVID has slowed down vital services, such as vocational training for those aging out of the school system.
- CCOs need to know more about modifications.
- CCOs have been hit by a 39% withhold and are working on getting those funds released.
- Port Jervis PD - New Trainings of staff on how to be more aware of the needs of individuals with Autism and de-escalation techniques.
- Autism awareness month.
- NY Start is being used very effectively. Help to intervene and provide de-escalation strategies, follow the process and make referrals. Inviting someone from Start to present at next meeting.
- Access Urgent Care has no appointments for a couple of months in advance.
- Starting work on county plan.
- Next meeting 5/3

Announcements:

None

Next meeting: May 12, 2021 - 5:30 P.M. via Microsoft Teams Regina will send invite.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Linda, second Guy, all present agreed, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 6:28 P.M.

Regina LaCatena

Regina LaCatena, Executive Secretary/Admin. Assistant - approved @ 5/12/2021 meeting