



**ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
HEALTH**

Community Services Board

Meeting

**30 HARRIMAN DRIVE
GOSHEN, NEW YORK
10924**

Meeting Notes CSB May 12, 2021

CSB Board Members Present: Nora Shepard, Shannon Kelly, Linda Prieto, Pat Quinn, Jessenia Ogunade, Guy Delisfort, MaryAlice Kovach, Lauren Savino, Becky Johnson, Wanda McQueen, Lisa Hayes, and Michele Iannuzzi Sucich.

Board Members Absent: Laura Adler, Dhanu Sannesy, Dr. Joseph Chavez-Carey,

Present: Lacey Trimble, Regina LaCatena.

Meeting called to order by Nora Shepard at 5:32 - quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

April 14, 2021 meeting, motion by Nora Shepard, second Jessenia Ogunade, motion carried.

Commissioners Report Lacey Trimble, Deputy Commissioner

- Darcie met with local superintendents and shared information related to behavioral health services available for youth. In a review of a sample of district websites, there was a lack of information easily available about 311 for students and families in all the districts in the sample.
- Dr. Ken Minkoff has met with several Orange County agencies to have individualized discussions about enhancing WELCOME Orange activities with a focus on moving from welcoming those with co-occurring needs to increasing access to quality co-occurring, integrated treatment.
- Spike alert this week indicated at least 9 overdoses in Orange County in a 24-hour period. Overdoses are up compared to last year, but fatalities are down based on ODMAP. This is suspected data and has not been confirmed by the Orange County Medical Examiner's Office.

1/1/2021-5/12/2021

211 total suspected overdoses

37 suspected fatal overdoses

76 Naloxone administrations

1/1/2020-5/12/2020

183 total suspected overdoses

70 suspected fatal overdoses

71 Naloxone administrations

- The Department of MH Administrative team is actively working on the annual Local Service Plan. To improve provider and service recipient input the department is creating electronic surveys that will be emailed to providers. Providers will be asked to complete provider survey and share the service recipient version of the survey with the individuals served by their programs. The subcommittees have been asked to provide input on the surveys that have been created so far.

The department is exploring grant opportunities to increase services and improve access.

- Applied for a pilot program to supply some Orange County police departments with IPADs and a secure platform to connect with local crisis services for an immediate assessment.
- Will be applying for an OMH grant, which provides funding for programs similar to the WOGI program, which is in its last year of funding. If awarded, this will help sustain the WOGI program and expand the reach of the program by including more partners and including a portion of the funds being allocated for minor home modifications to allow older adults to stay in their homes.
- In June, the Department will be presenting to Directors of Community Services across the state on Orange County's Crisis System. The state is looking to redesign crisis services, many of their suggestions are similar to Orange County's model. We have concerns related to conversations around making crisis services regional.

Celebrated Children's Mental Health Awareness week with the Annual Children Mental Health Conference. It was very well attended, and feedback so far has been very positive.

Nora noted this past month peer involvement/response with the crisis call center have increased.

Jessenia – Project Hope is struggling to connect with school districts. The State is pushing to connect with youth and adolescents. Lacey will connect Jessenia with Angela Turk.

Sub-Committee Report-out: Substance Use Disorder:

- Next meeting 6/8 - 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Mental Health Sub-Committee:

- Committee agreed to change to a minute's format that only documents recommendations LSP (Local Service Plan) Survey

Recommendations:

- add a socialization question
- add a homelessness question: (i.e.: are MH services reaching the most remote disengaged population)
- add a substance abuse question (have we increased service options for those with co-occurring issues)
- Add a question about collaboration
- Consider a question that weaves in cultural initiatives

Residential Services for Children and Youth Recommendations:

- Maximize the utilization of the services that already exist
- Add services to assist youth to transition to independent living (example: outreach, skill building teams).
- Next meeting July 26, 2021 – 5:00 – 6:00

Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee: Met on, May 3, 2021 No members present to report out

- Next meeting 6/7

New Business:

- Jessenia – Project Hope is awaiting to see if they will get extended funding for an additional 6 months, POD response has been lower, State is pushing for reach out to Youth/Adolescents, marginalized community (people of color, brown and black communities), they have offered services and trying to establish group counseling sessions focusing on anxiety, isolation, interpersonal relationships. They have reached out to family practice groups, Pediatricians, trying to connect w/school districts.

Old Business:

N/A

Announcements:

- OPWDD released new flyers regarding “front door” sessions, and have now included a Spanish version and on-line presentations are also in both languages
- Mental Health Association in Orange County is holding the Annual Meeting/Recognition meeting tomorrow evening from 4 – 6 PM. Regina will send the link for the virtual meeting to CSB members in the morning.
- MaryAlice K. – ADAC has been awarded SOAR 2 Funding – Teen Intervene Program – brief intervention 6-month program for youth ages 12 – 19. Meetings are virtual, unless requesting an in-person meeting. MaryAlice will send Regina information to share.
- Lisa Hayes – LifePlan CCO – can provide presentations to any providers interested in learning what CCO’s can provide and assist with referrals.
 - Guy Delisfort – Newburgh City School district is working in collaboration with OCDMH - Destigmatizing forum May 26 - 5 – 6 PM for Students and 6 – 7 PM for Parents
- Shannon Kelley – Catholic Charities – Agency has been struggling with access to services for the Spanish speaking population. They are working on proposals to assist them with this population.

Next meeting: June 9, 2021 - 5:30 P.M. via Microsoft Teams.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Lisa Hayes, second Becky Johnson, all present agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:20 P.M.

Regina LaCatena

Regina LaCatena, Executive Secretary/Admin. Assistant - approved @ 9/8/2021 meeting