



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

Meeting Notes CSB May 13, 2020

CSB Board Members Present: Becky Johnson, Nolly Climes, Matthew Corrigan, Tenise Wall, Julia Fraino, Patricia Quinn, Nora Shepard, Lori Hulle, Dhanu Sannesy and Dr. Joseph Chavez-Carey.

Board Members Absent: Michele Iannuzzi Sucich, Lisa Hayes, Donna Geidel, Wanda McQueen, and Kyle Roddey.

Present: Regina LaCatena, and Lacey Trimble.

Meeting called to order by Tenise Wall, 5:30 quorum present.

Commissioners Report Lacey Trimble, Deputy Commissioner

- Currently preparing for the return of staff to offices, Orange County currently meets 5 of 7 criteria required to re-open. NYS Office of Mental Health have provided masks for our clients if needed.
- Our clinics are operating through tele-health and it has been very successful, our clients seem to like this way of operating. Moving forward we hope to continue using telehealth.
- Potential funding opportunity through the State Office of Mental Health, "Project Hope" like Project Liberty after 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy. Details are being worked out.
- Healthcare workers funding, not a large amount but details to follow.
- OCDMH has posted additional resources specific to COVID-19 on our website.
- Crisis call center has received 500,112 calls specific to disaster relief since March 9.

Sub-Committee Report-out:

Substance Use Disorder: Have not met next meeting is scheduled for June – uptick in non-fatal overdoses, Narcan use is up, deaths are down.

Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee – Patricia Quinn – No meeting was held. Next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 5:30 PM telephonic.

Mental Health Sub-Committee – Nolly Climes – Postponed until May.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Tenise asked that all report out on how their agency/facility/self are doing through this pandemic:

Dhanu – NAMI affiliates NYS number is being given out, there is an increase in calls for mental health assistance, and support groups are still running and available.

Pat Quinn – providing on-line support groups and art therapy for the migrant community using a platform called Doxion.com. Concerned about DD services being provided. Lacey noted that some DD providers are trying to be creative where they can without compromising the safety of clients and staff.

Nolly – Managing, very grateful for the staff's dedication & commitment going in to work every day, and clients are responding well to all the changes.

Tenise – There was an article in the paper highlighting Kyle Roddey asking the Governor to open drive-in theaters to hold graduation ceremonies. Tenise continues to provide tele-health to her clients, there are some challenges with the tweens & adults, but high-quality service is still happening. There is an increase of people suffering with anxiety, uptick with hopelessness and suicidal ideation. As we are in the helping field, giving care, we must remember to take care of ourselves, take time off, etc.

Becky – ACCESS Supports for Living are providing virtual support groups. Next week they will host a Youth support group.

Lori – Recovery meetings using Zoom with great success daily. Ala-teen – Orange County has 3 tele-meetings per day. Teens are feeling the stress, but they are working the program.

Dr. Carey – Using Zoom for tele-health, did not care for it in the past, but more comfortable using it now, the use of tele-health is meeting the client's needs.

Matt – Colleges are finishing up finals this week all classes are on-line. Question is where school will **be** held in the fall, and for those studying social work – fieldwork is a challenge.

Nora – Remote working, continue to support OC Crisis Call Center, grateful for partners at the call center. Currently using zoom & doxime. It is important to see people face to face to connect. Providing Zoom groups, multiple types of groups, walk & talk w/peer (walking while talking on the phone).

Announcements:

N/A

Next meeting: June 10, 2020 - 5:30 P.M. via Microsoft Teams Regina will send invite.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Dhanu Sannesy, second Becky Johnson, all present agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:17 P.M.

 approved @ 9/9/2020 meeting

Regina F. LaCatena, Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant 5/26/2020