



**ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
HEALTH**

**Community Services Board**

**Meeting**

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

**Meeting Notes CSB June 9, 2021**

**CSB Board Members Present:** Nora Shepard, Shannon Kelly, Linda Prieto, MaryAlice Kovach, Lauren Savino, Becky Johnson, Lisa Hayes, and Dhanu Sannesy.

**Board Members Absent:** Pat Quinn, Jessenia Ogunade, Guy Delisfort, Laura Adler, Wanda McQueen, Dr. Joseph Chavez-Carey, and Michele Iannuzzi Sucich.

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

Meeting called to order by Nora Shepard at 5:40 – No quorum.

**Approval of Minutes:**

May 12, 2021 meeting - tabled to next meeting as no quorum.

**Commissioners Report Darcie Miller, Commissioner**

- Participated in Project Hope Steering Committee meeting – funding has been extended for additional 6 months.
- State Offices are working to include amendments to continue tele-health services.
- No current update on OD mapping due to the person responsible for the data is no longer with the agency. Currently Jena Sweeney, contractual staff with OCDMH is working to get the data.
- Director of Chemical Dependency Services, Tammy Rhein, is currently working with Independent Living, Inc., Port Jervis Police Dept, and EMS to create an OD response system to better serve the Port Jervis area, working to get Bon Secours Hospital to also participate as St. Luke's in Newburgh currently uses PeerRX and has been very successful.
- OCDMH had a positive meeting w/Garnet Health re: high needs – co-occurring patients. They've agreed to work with us on 4 projects:
  - Family & Youth / Children presenting to the ER consent for release and sharing information with OCDMH for follow up
  - Adults presenting to Access Center follow process developed to connect with Orange County Crisis Call Center 311 and Crisis Continuum
  - Overdose response for people presenting to ER
  - CIT – Crisis Intervention Team – monthly planning / collaboration meetings

Shannon - they also struggle with clients going to ER and being discharged with little to no connection to services.

Darcie –

With bail reform we are not reaching those living with addiction, we need to reach them elsewhere, potentially the ER's

Federal dollars will be lost across the State if levels of care are not met. State needs to create programming for co-occurring individuals.

Lisa - The CCO's have clinical teams to work with individuals with IDD that present at the ER's if the connections are made. Lisa serves on a subcommittee in Albany for high-risk case reviews, she will share the process they use via email to Darcie.

- Transition out of the Jail MH services, has been a little bit of a struggle, the new provider is Wellpath, and we are currently working out a few kinks with the transition. We have an OASAS grant of 60,000 to provide specific SUD services in the jail that we are trying to coordinate with the new provider. CPL.730 evaluations for incarcerated persons, will be done by the new provider in collaboration with our department.
- Darcie recently participated in a panel discussion "Destigmatizing Mental Health Services. You can find the playlist of all 7 panels here:  
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDZ96I585XpCR59V4OJT6CTs10jM5woXx>
- 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.

#### **Sub-Committee Report-out: Substance Use Disorder:**

- Lauren Reported out:
  - Committee reviewed the County Plan
  - Created an OD Review Team
  - OMH & OASAS are no longer going to merge
  - New marijuana committee to work on changing social media
  - ADAC/Stop DWI is working to changing Social Host Law to include marijuana

Next meeting 8/10 - 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Darcie noted: currently having discussions with Dr. Corey Waller to come back to OC for discussions around SUD/Marijuana

#### **Mental Health Sub-Committee:**

- Next meeting July 26, 2021 – 5:00 – 6:00

**Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee:** Met on, June 7, 2021 only 3 members were present.

- Next meeting?

#### **Old Business:**

N/A

#### **New Business:**

N/A

#### **Announcements:**

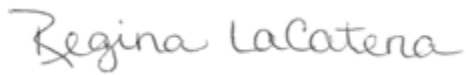
Dhanu:

- Mental Health access bill was passed in the senate earlier this week

- Upcoming seminar “Family Inclusion”
- Recently reviewed a documentary film “Ernie & Joe”, she is trying to arrange for a panel discussion with the film maker and the crisis officers Ernie & Joe.
- NAMI has a new/updated website, please visit <https://namiorangeney.org/> for upcoming events and information
- Movie screening “Paper Spiders” Monday, June 21 to register go to: <https://namiorangeney.org/event/family-support-group-1st-3rd-mondays/2021-06-21/>

**Next meeting:** September 8, 2021 - 5:30 P.M. via Microsoft Teams.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Linda Prieto, second Lisa Hayes, all present agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:30 P.M.



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