



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

Meeting Notes CSB June 12, 2019

CSB Board Members Present: Carol Lamoreaux, Michele Iannuzzi Sucich (via telephone), Susan Murray-Tetz, Nolly Climes (via telephone), Erica Velez, Donna Geidel, Matthew Corrigan, Tenise Wall, Patricia Quinn, Jose De Jesus, Dawn Wilkin (via telephone) and Dhanu Sannesy.

Board Members Absent: Becky Johnson, Julia Fraino, and Dr. Joseph Chavez-Carey.

Present: Regina LaCatena, and Darcie Miller.

Meeting called to order by Tenise, 5:40 quorum present.

Meeting Minutes – 05/08/2019:

Motion to approve Jose, second Pat Q. approved - motion carried.

Abstained: Donna G., Dawn W. and Susan M-T.

Commissioners Report – Darcie Miller, Commissioner

- Local Government Plan has been submitted.
- Dept. of Mental Health recently contracted with a CASAC to work at the Dept. of Social Services offices to support family's w/substance use disorders.
- Doctors/Psychiatrist/Nurse Practitioner time in our outpatient clinics has been a challenge due to costs/litigation and availability. We have been unsuccessful filling 40 hours of required coverage in our Jail MH Clinic. With great disappointment we will begin discussions with the Jail and Jail Medical staff to contract with Medical for doctor time. We will have further intense discussions regarding the long term planning for our Jail clinic.
- Currently OMH does not allow Physicians Assistants to prescribe in mental health clinics, but there is a recent push to the State to change this regulation.
- Bail reform will have a significant impact for those charged for misdemeanors or no bail. Clients in need of mental health and or substance use treatment will be harder to reach when not incarcerated. Only those with one year sentences and ICE detainees will be in our local jail.
- The Orange County Crisis Call Center can be utilized for referrals/connection to providers that are currently providing medication assisted treatment (MAT). Also Access Supports for Living Urgent Care Centers, located in Middletown and Newburgh Mon – Fri. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- NIDA Grant – distribution of funds will be in two rounds, one in October and second in 22 months. Funds allow for hiring of a Project Director and an Epidemiologist.
- Orange County Crisis Call Center is operating collaboratively receiving 500 – 600 calls per week. Substance Use calls are very low, we plan to expand our marketing prior to the three digit number is released, especially regarding substance use help.

New Business:

Pat Q. asked the question: How much money does Orange County spend on Medicaid Transportation? Darcie will provide contact to Pat to try to find out the costs. There is a need for non-medical use for transportation.

Proposed motion from Tenise for all board members to read the meeting notes before our scheduled meetings. Carol motioned, Dhanu second, all present approved. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Carol – Communication/Transportation discussion

New Business

Sub-Committee Report-out:

- Substance Abuse Sub-committee –
 - Next meeting September 4, 5:00 p.m. @ OCDMH. This sub-committee meets bi-monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. They do not schedule meetings in July & August.
- Developmental Disabilities Sub-committee –
 - Reviewed updated plan, were happy to see the recommended suggestions were added.
 - Next meeting June 25 @ 5:30 p.m.
 - CHIS presentation at their next meeting.
 - Question regarding information on national average health home aid is paid \$20.50 per hour? Committee members feel this information is not correct.

Nolly noted: For the past two years legislators did not want to provide an increase to mental health providers, all three services areas, MH, DD & SA, have low wages, high case assignment and liability. Statewide agencies advocate with Politicians, Legislature and the Governor, they are all aware of the pay scale crisis.

- Mental Health Sub-committee – meets the last Monday every three months, next meeting is scheduled for July 29, 5:00 p.m. @ OCDMH.

Announcements:

- Catholic Charities – Team Newburgh community coalition will receive some OASAS/SAMSHA money. ADAC will also receive funding. Any coalition in good standing will receive some of this funding. \$125,000 over 14 months.
- Unionville will be hosting a showing of the film “resilience” tomorrow evening, June 13, 7:00 p.m. @ 12 Main Street.

Next meeting: September 11, 2019 - 5:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Susan, second Dhanu, all present agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:00 P.M.

Regina LaCatena approved @ 9/11/19 meeting

Regina F. LaCatena, Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant 6/28/2019