



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

**Meeting Notes CSB September 9, 2020**

**CSB Board Members Present:** Becky Johnson, Nolly Climes, Matthew Corrigan, Tenise Wall, Julia Fraino, Patricia Quinn, Nora Shepard, Lori Hulle, Dhanu Sannesy, Michele Iannuzzi Sucich, Lisa Hayes, Wanda McQueen, Kyle Roddey and Dr. Joseph Chavez-Carey.

**Board Members Absent:** Donna Geidel.

**Present:** Regina LaCatena, Lacey Trimble and Darcie Miller.

Meeting called to order by Tenise Wall, 5:36 quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

March meeting motion by Nolly, second Wanda, all in favor, motion carried.

May meeting motion by Dhanu, second Matt, abstained Kyle, Wanda and Lisa, motion carried.

**Commissioners Report Darcie Miller, Commissioner**

- County operated outpatient clinics – staff are producing more units of service than ever before with good results
- Some county operated office staff are still working remotely, all staff have been informed to return to office by the end of July. Emergency Family Leave Act (EFLA) is available for staff with childcare issues, department heads can approve remove work for staff if they can work remotely.
- Unfortunately, it has been reported there is a higher number of deaths & depression in the County. Despite available services there are increases.
- County Budget – lost 1 million per week in sales taxes, NYS withheld 20% of State funding. OMH & OASAS decreased advances by 20%. Some of those funds will be redistributed for housing.
- OPWDD any claims not billed/submitted will be reduced by 20%
- Providers have contacted their local Assemblypersons regarding their concern that people are not receiving services, agencies are struggling and will not be around & programs will not be available for those in need due to budget cuts.
- September is Recovery Awareness month.

**New Business:**

Wanda McQueen – LGU MH Satellites in the school districts, are we including additional schools or reaching out to schools to participate and are we doing universal screenings in these locations? (Wanda will email the universal screening tool to us for review)

A: Currently we are in Pine Bush, Middletown, Warwick & Newburgh. We have applications in process for Monroe Woodbury and Chester – MOU's are still being worked out with school attorneys.

SAMSHA application- COVID Supportive Counseling – there is a total of 7 million available to ten NYS counties to provide supportive counseling services for 9 months (much like what was implemented after 9/11). Orange County is one of the recipients, details are currently being worked out.

Lisa Hayes – CCO's are available to assist where needed. State cutting 20% for ISS leaving little money through September, State is using market rates from 2012, which does not help the situation.

Patricia Quinn – Substance use has increased since COVID breakout, areas to consider for SAMSHA grant – new prevention model, for all age levels – component to educate children with parental addiction. Provided childcare clinics while adult groups were going on.

Darcie agrees with Pat – last year child welfare began the LEAN project, which entails counseling intervention directly with parent using substances. Prevention should be a check mark on OPWDD side of services.

Pat participated in a training last week on Adolescents & Teens on-line trafficking, people are catfishing our youth.

Dhanu Sannesy – NAMI is providing Youth MH First Aid training, once per month at the Port Jervis Schools.

Tenise Wall – Sees an increase in suicidality & depression, she is reaching out to current clients exasperated w/COVID issues, uptick with healthcare providers coming in for services for the health care providers trauma is on-going rather than the trauma happens and then you deal with that trauma. Tenise recently completed a 40-hour EMDR training and will be taking a grief recovery method training in November.

Dr. Joseph Chavez Carey – There is a website to access a free meditation app for healthcare and other essential workers. I have been using it and have found it very helpful.

<https://www.tenpercent.com/care>

Nolly Climes – JMHCA continues to advocate for services. At their last meeting they met with two senators and representatives from Aileen Gunther's office.

Darcie Miller – Thanked our members for their continued support and hard work.

Board member Terms 2021

Second terms ending December 2020 – Nolly Climes, Julie Fraino and Matthew Corrigan

First terms ending December 2020 – Tenise Wall and Dhanu Sannesy

Tenise not interested in staying on for second term, Dhanu will stay one more term.

### **Sub-Committee Report-out:**

**Substance Use Disorder:** Met on August 18, updates were given from Tammy Rhein regarding the County LGU Plan and COVID.

**Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee** – Patricia Quinn – Met in July, many calls have been received regarding when OPWDD programs will re-open. OPWDD guidelines closed certified group homes, clients were sent home, Com Hab continued via virtual & telehealth. Discussions regarding OC providing a survey, to providers regarding services. DDRO – not

approving new services & lowering rates for reimbursement. No respite for families. OPWDD not providing data regarding housing due to HIPAA. Inspire clinic is closing – Cornerstone Health is taking it over for dental services. Very little in home behavioral assistance due to COVID. How to get high schools to identify and transition families to OPWDD services and provide most up to date services.

Lisa Hayes noted care managers checked in remotely with clients weekly with families.

**Mental Health Sub-Committee** – Dhanu – met in July, discussion mainly regarding telehealth, some people do not like using telehealth symptoms potentially getting worse. Next meeting is scheduled for October 26.

**Old Business:**

N/A

**Announcements:**

N/A

**Next meeting:** October 14, 2020 - 5:30 P.M. via Microsoft Teams Regina will send invite.

Motion to adjourn this meeting by Kyle Roddey, second Lisa Hayes, all present agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:00 P.M.

*Regina LaCatena* approved @ October 14, 2020 meeting  
Regina F. LaCatena, Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant 10/2/2020