



Niagara County Community Services Board

Agenda

Meeting Date & Time: Monday, September 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm

1. Community Services Board (CSB) Meeting Call to Order
2. Meeting Minutes
 - A. *Approval of June 16, 2025 CSB Meeting Minutes
3. Membership:
 - A. Membership Review
 - B. Sub-committee Review **Cynthia Curione** and **Jeff Paterson** Membership Applications

4. Director's Report:

➤ **Correspondence – Review by Director:**

1. Letters, Memorandums & E-mails:
 - Correspondence listed on separate page, attached

➤ ***Certificate of Need (CON) / Prior Approval Reviews (PAR)**

***CON** – No new business

*** EzPar** – No new business

Informational –

- Beacon Center EZPAR #4468 application update to establish a NYS OMH MHOTRS clinic in Niagara Falls, NY
- BestSelf Behavioral Health EZPAR application updates:
 - EZPAR #4214 To establish a school-based satellite clinic in the North Tonawanda School District at Spruce Elementary
 - EZPAR #4329 To establish a school-based satellite clinic in the Niagara Falls School District at Cataract Elementary
 - EZPAR #4319 To establish a school-based satellite clinic in the Niagara Falls School District High School
 - EZPAR #4258 To establish a school-based satellite clinic in the Lockport City School District Aaron Mossell Junior High School
- BestSelf Behavioral Health Administrative Action update:
 - AA# 11223 Wheatfield Pediatrics Satellite clinic closure
- BestSelf Behavioral Health Change Request – Specialty Mental Health Care Management Program Closure at 2201 Pine Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY
- Niagara County Department of Mental Health
 - EZPAR #4473 application update to establish a school-based satellite clinic in the Lockport City School District High School
 - Administrative Action to close the satellite clinic office located at Dr. Laurri's office
- Transitional Services Inc. Change Request - Specialty Mental Health Care Management Program Closure

- ***Department Annual Report**
- **2025 Department Budget**
- **Corporate Compliance**
- **Program/Systems Updates**
 - Community Missions Inc. Canal View Renovations Project
 - Niagara County Suicide Prevention Month activities
 - Niagara/Orleans Trauma, Illness and Grief (TIG) Consortium update
- **President's Report**
- **Executive Session** – NCDMH 3rd Quarter 2025 Compliance Report Out
- **Adjournment**

Future CSB Meeting Date: October 20, 2025

***voting items**

Distributed Items at Meeting:

- A. Agenda
- B. *CSB Draft Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2025
- C. Current 2025 CSB Membership Roster

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Correspondence Listing, Agenda Item 4-1 - Director's Report
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- A. Niagara County Community Services Board Meeting Notices:
 - 1. Niagara County Community Services Board Monday, September 15, 2025 Meeting Notice - dated, September 8, 2025.
 - 2. Notifications to two County Newspapers regarding September 18, 2025 Meeting scheduling Notice - dated, September 8, 2025.
- B. Correspondence Gina Bae, Director, Office of Mental Health, to Kristin Clamp, Director New View Alliance, Inc., regarding Administrative Action # 10866: Add youth peer support services., dated June 10, 2025.
- C. Correspondence from Kate Harlock, Licensing Director, Office of Mental Health, to Laura J. Kelemen, NCDMH Director, regarding Current and Valid Operating Certificates, dated June 20, 2025.
- D. Correspondence from Gina Bae, Director, Office of Mental Health, to Joseph Ruffolo, President/CEO, NFMMC, regarding Operating Certificate NFMMC Inpatient Program, dated June 25, 2025.
- E. Correspondence from Jennifer Lauer, Contract Specialist, State Comptroller's Office, to Nathalie Mosley, CFO, Community Missions regarding Grant Contract, dated July 28, 2025.
- F. Correspondence from Dena Holmes, Director, OASAS, to Erin DiGirolamo, CEO, Horizon Health Services, regarding Amended Operating Certificate # 280410821, dated June 18, 2025.

- G. Correspondence from Gina Bae, Director, Office of Mental Health, to Carolyn DeFranco, CEO New View Alliance , regarding Monitoring Outcome Report, dated July 9, 2025.
- H. Correspondence from Gina Bae, Director, Office of Mental Health, to Cindy Lee, CEO, Baker Hall, regarding Recertification of Licensed programs, dated July 8, 2025
- I. Correspondence from Kevin Kelly, APS2, OASAS, to Christine Wittenberg, Director of QI, Horizon Health, regarding Recertification Review Report, dated May 21, 2025.
- J. Correspondence from Gina Bae, Director, Office of Mental Health, to Laura Kelemen, Director, NCDMH regarding Administrative Actions # 10929, #11183(Relocation), dated July 15, 2025.
- K. Correspondence from Dena Holmes, Director, OASAS, to Laura Kelemen, Director, NCDMH, regarding Renewed Operating Certificate # 280612026, dated July 23, 2025.
- L. Correspondence from Jennifer Roll, Director of Lease Administration, Benderson Development, to Rebecca Wydysh, Chairman, Niagara County, regarding delivery & commencement date certification, dated June 25, 2025.
- M. Correspondence from Dena Holmes, Director, OASAS, to Erin DiGirolamo, CEO, Horizon Health Services, regarding Amended Operating Certificate # 270212159, dated August 6, 2025

Newspaper Articles:

- 1. Union Sun & Journal, “WNY Independent Living announces its new leader”, by Stephanie Orlando, dated 6/13/25
- 2. Union Sun & Journal, “JFS receives \$400K for opioid use support program”, by Robert Creenan, dated 6/13/25
- 3. Buffalo News, “New center aims to fill mental health system gaps”, by John Harris, dated 6/13/25
- 4. Buffalo News, “State needs more work to address addiction”, by Robert Kent, dated 6/25/25
- 5. Union Sun & Journal, “Rural schools feeling the pinch from cuts”, by Annie Ma, dated 6/30/25
- 6. Buffalo News, “NF Schools feel sting of fed cuts in funding”, by Ben Tsujimoto, dated 6/27/25
- 7. _Buffalo News, “Trump cuts \$3.5B grant to UB to help boost mental health”, by John Harris, dated 7/21/25
- 8. Union Sun & Journal, “Mental health counselors are being pushed out”, by Kayla Goodrich, dated 7/23/25
- 9. Union Sun & Journal, “Advocates criticize executive order on homelessness”, dated 7/30/25
- 10. Buffalo News, “988 Lifeline provides a path forward”, dated 8/4/25
- 11. Union Son & Journal, “Overdose awareness day ceremonies taking place locally”, by Robert Creenan, dated 8/29/25

12. Buffalo News, "There is help for people who suffer from grief", by Michelle Shaw, dated 9/4/25
13. Buffalo News, "Addiction is a warning signal, not a choice", by Mildred Riffey, dated 9/4/25
14. Union Sun & Journal, "Ninth annual Overdose Awareness Day Rally coming up", dated 9/4/25
15. Union Sum & Journal, "Suicide prevention in focus in Niagara County", dated 9/8/25