



# Niagara County Community Services Board

## Agenda

Meeting Date & Time: Monday, September 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm

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1. Community Services Board (CSB) Meeting Call to Order
  2. Meeting Minutes
    - A. \*Approval of August 3, 2026 CSB Meeting Minutes
  3. Membership:
    - A. Membership Review  
New Board Applications
      - Burt Marshall
    - B. Sub-committee Review
  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** – Horizon Health Services - Application for expansion of space at 2400 Pine Ave, Niagara Falls, NY
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**Horizon Health Services**
        - #4971 Application for expansion of space at 2400 Pine Ave, Niagara Falls, NY
        - #4930 Application to establish a school-based satellite in the North Tonawanda School District at Spruce Elementary School
        - #4929 Application to establish a school-based satellite in the North Tonawanda School District at Drake Elementary School
        - #4931 Application to establish a school-based satellite in the North Tonawanda School District at the Intermediate School
- Informational –**
- Best Self Behavioral Health**
- #12289 Administrative Action to change rooms for the school-based satellite clinic at the Niagara Falls School District Bloneva Bond Elementary School
  - #12290 Administrative Action to change rooms for school-based satellite clinic at the North Tonawanda School District High School
  - #12368 Administrative Action to close the school-based satellite clinic at the North Tonawanda School District Drake Elementary School
  - #12367 Administrative Action to close the school-based satellite clinic at the North Tonawanda School District Spruce Elementary School
  - #12267 Administrative Action to close the school-based satellite clinic at the Lockport School District Emmet Belknap Intermediate School
- Buffalo Psychiatric Center** –#60592 Change Request- Specialty Mental Health Care Management Program Closure (Program Code Change Only)

**New Directions Youth & Family Services** – Prior Consult completed for Merger of New Directions Youth & Family Services and New View Alliance Inc with and into Gateway-Longview

- **\*Department Annual Report - 2025**
- **NCDMH 2027 Budget**
- **Corporate Compliance**
- **Program/Systems Updates**
  - SAMHSA Adult Suicide Prevention Grant Award
  - SAMHSA CCBHC Improvement and Advancement Grant Submission
  - OASAS Regional Abatement Funds – RFP awards (pending)
- **President's Report**
- **Executive Session to review Compliance Program Report Out**
- **Adjournment**

Future CSB Meeting Date: October 19, 2026

**\*voting items**

Distributed Items at Meeting:

- A. Agenda
- B. \*CSB Draft Meeting Minutes for August 3, 2026
- C. Current 2026 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 21, 2026 Meeting Notice - dated, September 14, 2026.
  2. Notifications to two County Newspapers regarding September 21, 2026 Meeting scheduling Notice - dated, September 14, 2025.
- B. Correspondence from Caitlin Cummins, Director of Outpatient Behavioral Health, Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, to Laura Kelemen, Director of Community Services, Niagara County Department of Mental Health, regarding intent to submit proposal for grant opportunity, dated November 19, 2025.
- C. Correspondence from Annette Dobrasz, President, Community Services Board, to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, regarding Niagara County Dept. of Mental Health application SAMHSA CCBHC\_IA NOFO 26-015, dated August 3, 2026.
- D. Correspondence from Myrla Gibbons Doxey, Deputy Director, Niagara County Dept. of Mental Health, to Elizabeth Mauro, President and CEO, Endeavor Health Services, regarding Letter of Commitment from NCDMH, dated August 12, 2026.
- E. Correspondence from Dena Holmes, Director, OASAS, to Jacqueline West, CEO, Buffalo Beacon Corporation, regarding recertification of OASAS-Certified programs, dated April 21, 2026.
- F. Correspondence from Paul Carver, Deputy Licensing Director, Office of Mental Health, to Brandy Vandermark-Murray, President, Horizon Health Services, Inc., regarding PIP Monitoring Visit, dated March 16, 2026.
- G. Correspondence from Kimberly Benshoff, Upstate Regional Director, NYS OASAS, to multiple emails, regarding temporary management agreement for STM, dated March 27, 2026.
- H. Administrative Services Agreement, between Recovery Center of Niagara and Save the Michaels of the World, House of Hope OASAS Operating Certificate # 270912378, dated April 10, 2026.
- I. Correspondence from Megan Schmitt, Regional Coordinator, OASAS, to Kristi Yerger, Northpointe council, Inc., regarding request to "Not Apply" Surplus Revenue, dated September 4, 2025.
- J. Correspondence from Kate Harlock, Licensing Director, NYS Office of Mental Health, to Robyn Krueger, President and CEO, Community Missions, Inc., regarding PIP Monitoring Visit- Niagara Visions Pros and various Community Missions residences, dated September 4, 2026.
- K. Correspondence from Meredith Love, Mental Health Program Specialist 2, NYS Office of Mental Health, to Joseph Ruffolo, President and CEO, Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, regarding PIP- CMHC Inpatient Program, dated August 27, 2026.

- L. Membership Application from Burt Marshall to the Niagara County Community Services Board and Community services board's Subcommittees, dated September 1, 2026

**Newspaper Articles:**

1. Buffalo News, "Save the Michaels sues founder, claims he stole \$1M from group", by Jon Harris, dated 8/14/26
2. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "From Loss to Hope", by Heidi Truschel-Light, dated 8/27/26.
3. Buffalo News, "Kaleida closing children's clinic, realigning psychiatric services" by Jon Harris, dated 8/31/26.
4. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "County announces 'You Matter!' coffee sleeve campaign", dated 9/4/26.
5. Buffalo News, "NY sees 45% drop in overdose deaths since 2022", by Staff Reports, dated 9/14/26.
6. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "Suicide prevention training offered", dated 9/10/26.