



# Niagara County Community Services Board

## Agenda

Meeting Date & Time: Monday, August 5, 2024 at 6:00 pm

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1. Community Services Board (CSB) Meeting Call to Order
2. Meeting Minutes
  - A. \*Approval of June 17, 2024 CSB Meeting Minutes
3. Membership:
  - A. Membership Review – Subcommittees
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 – None.
    - \* EzPar – None.
  - Informational –**
    - Horizon Health Services – Prior Consult to pursue application to establish a school-based satellite clinic at Newfane High School
    - Heritage Christian Services pending CON
    - Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center – Prior Consult to pursue application to close Continuing Day Treatment Program
  - **\*2023 Department Annual Report**
  - **2023 HCBS Annual Report**
  - **Corporate Compliance**
  - **Program/Systems Updates**
    - Niagara/Orleans Trauma, Illness & Grief (TIG) Consortium
    - Niagara County Suicide Prevention Coalition (NCSPP) planned activities for September Suicide Prevention month
  - **President's Report**
  - **Executive Session**
  - **Adjournment**

Future CSB Meeting Date: September 16, 2024

### **\*voting items**

Distributed Items at Tonight's Meeting:

- A. Agenda
- B. \*CSB Draft Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2024
- C. \*2024 Department Annual Report
- D. Current 2024 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, August 5, 2024 Meeting Notice - dated, July 26, 2024.
  2. Notifications to two County Newspapers regarding August 5, 2024 Meeting scheduling Notice - dated, July 26, 2024.
- B. Correspondence to Ms. Kate Harlock, Licensing Director, NYSOMH WNY Field Office, from Lisa Malinowski, VP of Mental Health Housing Services, Community Missions, dated May 22, 2024, regarding Performance Improvement Plan Monitoring Visit on February 8, 2024.
- C. Correspondence to Joseph Ruffolo, President and CEO, NFMCC, from Amanda Rusch, MHPS II, NYS OMH WNY Field Office, dated May 31, 2024, regarding Performance Improvement Plan.
- D. Correspondence to Mark Fuller, President and CEO, Living Opportunities of DePaul, from Carol Swiderski, Issuing Officer, NYSOMH, dated June 13, 2024, regarding award for 10 units for Niagara County.
- E. Correspondence to Laura Kelemen, Director, from Erin DiGirolamo, CEO, Horizon Health Services, dated June 10, 2024, regarding Letter of Intent CCBHC RFP OMH112.
- F. Correspondence to Carrie Clare, CEO, Northpointe Council, Inc., from Dena Holmes, Director, Bureau of Certification NYS OASAS, dated June 26, 2024, regarding Operating Certificate #260512075 PRU #52971.
- G. Correspondence to Maureen Wendt, President and CEO, The Dale Association, from Gina Bae, Director, Bureau of Inspection and Certification, NYS OMH, dated July 2, 2024, regarding Recertification of Licensed Programs.
- H. Correspondence to Laura Kelemen, Director, from Sheila Kee, CEO, NFMCC, dated July 2, 2024, regarding closing of the Continuing Day Treatment (CDT) Program due to significant decline in referrals.
- I. Correspondence to Joseph Ruffolo, President and CEO, NFMCC, from Amanda Rusch, MHPS II, NYS OMH WNY Field Office, dated July 5, 2024, regarding Performance Improvement Plan.
- J. Correspondence to Sheila Kee, CEO, NFMCC, from Director Laura Kelemen, dated July 5, 2024, regarding Prior Consult-EzPar to close the Continuing Day Treatment (CDT) Program.
- K. Correspondence to Laura Kelemen, Director, from Matt Bovee, Property Accountant, Heritage Christian Services, dated July 10, 2024, regarding purchase of 7237 Townline Road with intent to use to house individuals now located at 4441 Tonawanda Creek Road.

- L. Northpointe Council, Inc. copy of OASAS Program Review Report/Corrective Action Plan dated May 9, 2024.
- M. Correspondence to Community Services Board, from Niagara County Legislature, dated June 19, 2024, regarding new Board member appointments.
- N. Correspondence to Rev. Francis Kadryna, from Director Laura Kelemen, Director, dated July 11, 2024, regarding CSB appointment.
- O. Correspondence to Kelly Biehls, from Director Laura Kelemen, Director, dated July 11, 2024, regarding CSB appointment.
- P. Correspondence to Horizon Health Services, from Heather Miller, School Counselor, Newfane Central Middle School, dated June 4, 2024, regarding satellite location at Newfane High School.
- Q. Correspondence to Christine Wittenberg, Director of Quality Improvement, Horizon Health Services, from Myrla Gibbons Doxey, Deputy Director, dated August 1, 2024, regarding EzPar application to establish a school-based satellite clinic at the Newfane Central School District High School.
- R. Monsignor Carr Performance Improvement Plan information, dated July 31, 2024.

**Newspaper Articles:**

- 1. Buffalo News, "Area Addicts shed light on rising overdose toll", by Sandra Tan, dated 6/2/24
- 2. Buffalo News, "Mental health facility planned for shuttered Irving hospital", by Jon Harris, dated 6/6/24
- 3. Buffalo Health Living, "Mental health and older adults", by Annette Pinder, dated 6/20/24
- 4. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "Hochul announced SUNY mental health funding, dated 6/27/24
- 5. Buffalo News, "State urged to OK alternatives for overdose reversal" by Robert Gavin, dated 6/26/24
- 6. Buffalo News, "Ruling leaves Purdue opioid settlement on brink of collapse" by Jan Hoffman, dated 6/28/24
- 7. Union Sun & Journal, "The Supreme Court rejects nationwide opioid settlement" by Mark Sherman, dated 7/1/24
- 8. Union Sun & Journal, "NA meetings available daily" dated 7/1/24
- 9. Buffalo News, "Anti-addiction group urges state to end Narcan monopoly" by Robert Gavin, dated 7/8/24
- 10. Union Sun & Journal, "With Calls on the rise, Crisis Services add staff" by Benjamin Joe, dated 7/8/24
- 11. Spectrum News 1, "CEO prepared to mortgage own house to keep recovery center open" by Ryan Whalen, dated 7/11/24
- 12. Buffalo News, "A stronger fight" by Joseph Cooke, dated 7/11/24
- 13. Union Sun & Journal, "Remember, help is as close as 988" dated 7/15/24
- 14. Buffalo News, "State Naloxone purchase need competitive bidding" dated 7/15/24
- 15. Union Sun & Journal, "Here to listen" by Benjamin Joe, dated 7/26/24
- 16. Union Sun & Journal, "Harm reduction program launched in the city" by Benjamin Joe, dated 7/27/24
- 17. WIVB, " Acting Erie County DA, state leaders support legislation to combat opioid crisis" by Trina Catterson, dated 7/17/24

