



# Niagara County Community Services Board

## Agenda

Meeting Date & Time: Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:00 pm

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1. Community Services Board (CSB) Meeting Call to Order
2. Meeting Minutes
  - A. \*Approval of January 22, 2023 CSB Meeting Minutes
3. Membership:
  - A. Membership Review – Pending Candidates, update
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 –**
    - \* EzPar –**
    - Informational –**
      - Niagara / Orleans Trauma, Illness & Grief (TIG) Consortium Infrastructure Development Plan
      - Child & Family Services Intent to Apply to NYS OMH RFP to establish HBCI program to serve Erie and Niagara Counties
  - **2023 Annual Court Report**
  - **Corporate Compliance**
  - **Program/Systems Updates**
    - **Department Updates**
    - **MCI – Lockport Hours**
    - **Parameters for OPWDD approvals**
  - **President's Report**
    - **Open Meetings regulations – Webex allowances**
  - **Executive Session**
  - **Adjournment**

Future CSB Meeting Date: March 18, 2024

### **\*voting items**

Distributed Items at Tonight's Meeting:

- A. Agenda
- B. \*CSB Draft Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2024
- C. Current 2024 CSB Membership Roster
- D. 2023 Annual Court Report
- E. New Board Application

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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, February 26, 2024 Meeting Notice - dated, February 15, 2024.
  2. Notifications to two County Newspapers regarding February 26, 2024 Meeting scheduling Notice - dated, February 15, 2024.
- B. Correspondence to the Community Services Board, from Chairman of the Legislature, Rebecca Wydysh, dated January 25, 2024, regarding appointment of Richard Abbott.
- C. Correspondence to Melinda DuBois, Executive Director, Mental Health Associates of Western New York, from Deputy Director Myrla Gibbons Doxey, date January 25, 2024, letter of support for NYS OMH Connecting Youth to Mental Health Supports-Suicide Prevention Application.
- D. Correspondence to Christine Wittenberg, Director of Quality Improvement, Horizon Health Services, from Deputy Director Myrla Gibbons Doxey, date January 25, 2024, letter of support to establish a School-Based Satellite Clinic at the Niagara Falls City School District-Gaskill Prep School.
- E. Correspondence to Maria Torgalski, Director, NYS Office for People with Development Disabilities, from Deputy Director Myrla Gibbons Doxey, date January 25, 2024, approval of CON application #IRA-121123-2WS to increase capacity at 4632 Miller Road, Niagara Falls, NY from four to five, and to relocate one opportunity from 2496 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY to 4632 Miller Road, Niagara Falls, NY.

**Newspaper Articles:**

1. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "Trapped in the familiar cycle of addiction", by Mark Scheer, dated 1/26/24
2. Buffalo News, "UB opioid care network scales beyond the state", dated January 31, 2024
3. Buffalo News, "Our kids are not all right, polling of teenagers finds", by Claire Cain Miller, dated February 1, 2024
4. Buffalo News, "Hochul could do more for mental health", by Karl Shallowhorn, dated February 2, 2024
5. Buffalo News, "With opioid deaths soaring, Biden administration will widen access to methadone ", February 2, 2024
6. Buffalo News, "Responsibility is factor in drug addiction" by Don Mathisen, dated February 5, 2024
7. Buffalo News, "Direct support aides deserve equal pay", by BJ Stasio & Max Donatelli, dated February 7, 2024
8. Buffalo News, "Big drug payouts ring hollow", by Mark Scheer, dated February 9, 2023