



Niagara County Community Services Board

Agenda

Meeting Date & Time: Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm

1. Community Services Board (CSB) Meeting Call to Order
2. Meeting Minutes
 - A. *Approval of October 21, 2024 CSB Meeting Minutes
 - B. Informational – November 13, 2024 CSB Joint Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
3. Membership:
 - A. *Executive Officers Election
 - B. Membership Review – CSB applications
 - C. Sub-committee assignments – CSB members
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** –
 - Catholic Health Services – pursuing Specialty Mental Health Care Management Health Home Plus status in Erie and Niagara Counties
 - Horizon Health Services – administrative action submitted for Niagara Wheatfield School District school-based satellite clinic room, day and hours change
 - Horizon Health Services – Newfane School District school-based satellite clinic at the High School approval by OMH
 - OMH Healthy Steps awards – Dr. Beney; Wheatfield Pediatrics
 - **Corporate Compliance**
 - **Program/Systems Updates**
 - Lockport/Shaw Move
 - Suicide Prevention Efforts – Niagara Falls Parks System
 - Opioid RFP - Attorney General Dollars
 - 988/Crisis Services Staffing Re-design
 - **President's Report**
 - **Adjournment**

Future CSB Meeting Date: TBD

***voting items**

Distributed Items at Tonight's Meeting:

- A. Agenda
- B. *CSB Draft Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2024
- C. CSB Joint Subcommittee Meeting Minutes - November 13, 2024
- 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, December 2, 2024 Meeting Notice - dated, November 20, 2024.
 2. Notifications to two County Newspapers regarding December 2, 2024 Meeting scheduling Notice - dated, November 20, 2024.
- B. Correspondence from Myrla Gibbons Doxey, Deputy Director to Maria Torgalski, Director, NYS OPWDD, Regional Office, Region 1, dated October 21, 2024, regarding application to close and decertify the NYSARC, Inc. Cattaraugus Niagara Counties Chapter (DBA INTandem) 115 Mead Street, North Tonawanda, NY location.
- C. Northpointe Council, Inc. Corrective Action Plan, dated November 1, 2024.
- D. Horizon Health Services, Inc. Corrective Action Plan, dated October 11, 2024.
- E. Correspondence from Amanda Szczepkowski, Issuing Officer, NYS Office of Mental Health, to Joseph Wittmann, MD, Wheatfield Pediatrics LLP, dated November 26, 2024, regarding Healthy Steps Application.
- F. Correspondence from Dena Holmes, Director, Bureau of Certification, NYS OASAS, to Kristi Yerger, President and CEO, Northpointe Council, Inc., dated November 13, 2024, regarding Operating Certificate #270512374 corrected letter.
- G. Correspondence from Gina Bae, Director, Bureau of Inspection, NYS Office of Mental Health, dated October 24, 2024, regarding Prior Approval Review Application Ez Par #4204, Close Niagara Falls CMHC Continuing Day Treatment (OC #6539301A).

Newspaper Articles:

1. Union Sun & Journal, "Recovery-focused art project launched by County", dated 11/22/24
2. Union Sun & Journal, "US overdose deaths down, giving experts hope for enduring decline", by Mike Stobbe, The Associated Press, dated 11/14/24
3. Union Sun & Journal, "Raising awareness on suicide prevention", dated 11/13/24
4. Union Sun & Journal, "Mental health help is available locally", by Daniel Colpoys, dated 11/7/24
5. Niagara Gazette, "Help is just a phone call away thanks to 988 operators", by Robert Creenan, dated 11/4/24
6. How's your mental health?, by Chris Houston, Commentary, dated 11/4/24
7. Buffalo News, "Mother in tragedy at Falls remembered", by Aaron Besecker
8. Union Sun & Journal, "Authorities search for victims of Falls plunge", by Rick Pfeiffer
9. Buffalo News, "Mother, 2 children believed to have gone over falls", by Justin Sondel, dated 10/30/24
10. Buffalo News, "LGBTQ youth should not be political scapegoats", by Jack Kavanaugh, dated 10/30/24
11. New York Times, "Fatal overdoses drop in U.S., but not for minorities", by Noah Weiland, dated 10/26/24

12. "Medicaid should cover creative arts therapy", by Rebecca Elkin
13. New York Times, "Mental illness raises risk of severe Covid; the question is: why?", by Dani Blum
14. "Is weed bad for us? Cannabis health impacts somehow cloudy", by Lisa Jarvis
15. Buffalo Health Living, "depression awareness month: the importance of reaching out for help", by Mark Nowak, October 2024