



Niagara County Community Services Board
 Minutes
 Regular Meeting
 Date: Monday, June 17, 2024
 Time: 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Dept. of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Administrative Offices, Shaw Building, Health Department Conference Room, 1st Floor, 5467 Upper Mountain Road, NY.

ATTENDANCE:

	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Burt Marshall, Board President	X	
Annette Dobrasz, EdD, 1 st Board VP	X	
Stephanie Donovan, 2 nd Board VP	X	
Rosamond Siegwarth, Board Member	X	
Thomas Gerbasi, MD, Board Member		X
Candace Butcher, Board Member		X
Ronald Barstys, PhD, Board Member	X-Webex	
Suzanne Diez, Board Member	X	
Richard Abbott, Board Member	X	
Betsy Farkas, Board Member		X
Donald Jablonski, Board Member		X
<u>Niagara County Mental Health Administration</u>		
Laura Kelemen, LCSW-R, NCDMH Director	X	
Myrla Gibbons Doxey, LMFT, NCDMH Deputy Director	X	
Lee Ann Cogar, Confidential Assistant	X	
Nicholas Hester, Sr. Planner, LMSW	X	
<u>Guests</u>		

1) **Burt Marshall, Board President, called the Community Services Board (CSB) Meeting to order at 6:10 PM.**

2) **Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes for the April 13, 2024 CSB meeting
- Minutes for the May 20, 2024 CSB meeting

Dr. Annette Dobrasz motioned to approve the April 13, 2024 minutes as presented, Stephanie Donovan seconded the motion; the minutes for April 13, 2024 were approved by the Board.

Stephanie Donovan motioned to approve the May 20, 2024 minutes as presented, Dr. Annette Dobrasz seconded the motion; the minutes for May 20, 2024 were approved by the Board.

- The April 11, 2024 CSB Joint Subcommittee Planning Minutes were reviewed.

3) **Membership Review –**

Burt Marshall reported he spoke with Chairman Wydysz regarding the two new member applications that the Legislature has still not approved. Chairman Wydysz advised him the Legislature would be reviewing their applications tomorrow night during their scheduled meeting. The new members should be able to attend our August meeting.

Deputy Director Gibbons Doxey reminded the Board that Subcommittee members still need to be reviewed/approved for renewal. Director Kelemen will review the list and send to the Board for recommendation.

4) **Director's Report**

- **Correspondence was reviewed by Laura Kelemen, Director.**
 - Letters, Memorandums & E-mails:
 - Correspondence listed on separate page, attached

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

***CON** – None

***EzPar** - None

Informational –

- **BestSelf Bloneva Bond School Based-Satellite** – Deputy Director Gibbons Doxey reported OMH approved the EzPar June 3, 2024, anticipated to begin services once they receive the Operating Certificate.
- **2024-2027 Local Services Plan – *2025 Updated** - Nicholas Hester, Senior Planner, LMSW provided a PowerPoint presentation providing 2025 updates and progress that has been accomplished to date.

Rosamond Siegwarth motioned to approve the 2024-2027 Local Services Plan/2025 updates as presented, Dr. Annette Dobrasz seconded the motion; the 2024-2027 Local Services Plan/ 2025 updates was approved by the Board.

- **Corporate Compliance** – Provided during the Executive Session.

▪ **Programs / System Updates, provided by Director Kelemen and Deputy Director Gibbons Doxey –**

- **Living Opportunities of DePaul** - Submitted RFP for Scattered Site Supportive Housing Rest of State 2024 and awarded 10 units for Niagara County.
- **Niagara/Orleans Trauma, Illness, Grief Consortium Update** – The second and third of three training cohorts are scheduled to occur in July and August 2024. In the first training cohort held in April 2024, 44 individuals were trained. So far, out of 50 slots available in each remaining cohort, 41 individuals and 50 individuals respectively registered.
- **North Tonawanda School District** – Announced a new District Superintendent – Jeffrey Jachlewski starting on August 1st as current Superintendent Greg Woytila is retiring.
- **Orleans/Niagara BOCES** – Announced a new District Superintendent – Dr. Taweepon Farrar starting on August 14th as current Superintendent Dr. Clark Godshall is retiring.
- **SUNY Niagara – Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for Higher Education/Harm Reduction Training**– Director Kelemen advised the Board the SUNY Niagara has been selected to participate in a pilot project organized by Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors in conjunction with OMH. The project will bring training to a range of staff in MHFA for Higher Education and Harm Reduction Awareness to expand prevention efforts in our young adult and college populations.
- **Catholic Health System** – We continue our planning work related to the development of a specialized Inpatient SUD treatment unit for individuals with co-occurring mental health concerns. The OASAS Regional Office has been briefed on the project and we continue to plan along side Mount St. Mary’s and Clearview leadership.
- **Departmental Updates** – Provided by Director Kelemen.
 - Michelle Abraham continues to orient to her position as Outpatient Clinics Program Manager. She is anticipating making some changes and enhancements to the clinics.
 - We will be presenting a resolution for an additional Crisis Services Phone Aide position. This will go to the Legislature for approval tomorrow night.
 - Streamline - EHR – We are anticipating going live by August 1st.

5) **President’s Report** – Nothing to report.

6) **Executive Session** – Second Quarter 2024 Compliance Program Report Out

Suzanne Diez made a motion at **7:32 pm** to enter into Executive Session; Stephanie Donovan seconded the motion.

Suzanne Diez made a motion at **7:56 pm** to exit the Executive Session; Stephanie Donovan seconded the motion.

7) **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned immediately following the Executive Session at 7:56 pm.

Next CSB Meeting Date: August 5, 2024

Webex meeting recording: CSB Meeting-20240618 0000-1

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