

Mental Health Addictions Services Advisory Board (MHASAB) MEETING – September 13, 2018 – 1 Medical Dr., Morris Plains

Members Present:

Gregg Benson, Citizen Representative
Charlie Berman, Citizen Representative
Chris Chernick, Citizen Representative
Linda Csengeto, MCOTA
Carol DeGraw, United Way of N.N.J.
Aura Dunn, Citizen Representative
Cheryl Garodnick, Citizen Representative
Julian Hill, MCPO
Margaret Himsl, NJ Friendship House
Marcy McMann, Citizen Representative
LaJuan Tucker, MCPO
Barbara Ward, Citizen Representative

Also Attending:

Eileen Alexander, DMHAS
Rose Brown, Mental Health Association
Lynne Chandler, Saint Clare's Behavioral Health
Kathy DeFillippo, MC Freeholder
Valerie Fox, Consumer

Staff in Attendance:

Laurie Becker, MCDHS
Jennifer Carpinteri, MCDHS
Anna Marie Hess, MCDHS
Beth Jacobson, MCDHS
Pat Mocarski, MCDHS

I. Call to Order and Approval of July 12 minutes –

Ms. Marcy McMann, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. Mr. Gregg Benson said there was one spelling error on Page 5. LIFT is spelled incorrectly and should be LYFT. Mr. Mr. Charlie Berman made a motion to approve the July 12 minutes with noted correction and Ms. Carol DeGraw seconded the motion. All were in favor with one abstention and no opposition. Motion carried.

II. Welcome and Introductions –

Ms. McMann welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

III. Chair Report – Ms. McMann

Members of the nominating committee need to be identified at the October meeting. If you have any nominations for Chair or Vice Chair or want to join the nominating committee, please contact Ms. Becker or Ms. McMann.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

Funding – 2018 Grant In Aid & Chapter 51 Recommendations

Closed Session

Ms. McMann asked anyone in conflict leave the room for the closed session. Three excused themselves (Ms. Rose Brown, Ms. Lynne Chandler and Ms. Valerie Fox). Mr. Gregg Benson made a motion to begin the closed session of the meeting and Mr. Julian Hill seconded the motion with no opposition or abstentions. The meeting closed at 5:25 p.m.

At 5:40 p.m., Mr. Julian Hill made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Gregg Benson with no opposition and no abstentions. Ms. Rose Brown, Ms. Lynne Chandler and Ms. Valerie Fox returned to the meeting.

Open Session

Ms. McMann stated that the funding subcommittee met, reviewed and discussed all funding applications. The subcommittee recommends that the MHASAB approve all 2019 Grant-In-Aid funding recommendations as discussed in closed session. On motion of Mr. Gregg Benson, seconded by Mr. Julian Hill, 2019 funding recommendations for GIA are approved with no opposition and one abstention.

The funding subcommittee also recommends that the MHASAB approve all 2019 Chapter 51 funding recommendations as discussed in closed session. On motion of Mr. Charlie Berman, seconded by Mr. Gregg Benson, 2019 funding recommendations for Chapter 51 are approved with no opposition and two abstentions.

Ms. Becker stated she has two subgrant modifications.

1. Community Hope – Transportation/Maintenance – This grant is to support a driver and maintenance person. The driver transports clients and the maintenance person keeps the housing in good condition. Community Hope is asking to increase the driver hours, reduce maintenance hours, and increase the cost. Total funding is the same.
2. MHA – Step off the Street Program – Peer support staff are at the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen and provide outreach. They currently have one staff member providing outreach 20 hours a week. Prior they had two staff members – one at ten hours and one at eight hours totaling 18 hours. The subgrant says there should be two staff members there. MHA wants to revise the subgrant to have one peer support staff provide outreach for twenty hours a week.

Mr. Gregg Benson made a motion to approve both subgrant modifications. Ms. Carol DeGraw seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition and two abstentions. Motion carried.

Ms. Jacobson presented three subgrant modifications:

1. New Hope Foundation – Chapter 51 Residential Program – They are requesting to bill for certain enhancements/services. This is mainly due to fee for service.
2. Freedom House – The total award is \$50,000 and they are requesting \$30,000 be reallocated to Brian's House, a $\frac{3}{4}$ Transitional Living House in Morristown. They

will still be serving Morris County residents and this will help the men in transitional housing to be better prepared to move out on their own.

3. Willow Tree – They are asking to be allowed to bill for psychological evaluations and medication monitoring. There is no change in the overall funding.

Mr. Gregg Benson made a motion to approve all three subgrant modifications. Ms. Carol DeGraw seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition and two abstentions. Motion carried.

Planning – Ms. Jacobson

Ms. Jacobson reported that she will begin to put the draft CCP together this month. The goal is to have it completed by the end of October so that the peer review process can begin.

Legislative/Advocacy - Ms. Jacobson

Ms. Jacobson advised that the Sussex County Freeholders passed a resolution against the legalization of marijuana, copies of which were distributed. There was discussion about whether Morris County would do the same, and Jennifer Carpinteri will follow up at the next meeting.

County Alliance Steering Committee – No Report

V. State Liaison Report – Ms. Eileen Alexander (written report provided)

CSS

- CSS Audits- Audits are still in progress, eight agencies have been visited at this point. The Division will contact agencies that need to be re-visited.
- Agencies have been reminded to bill Medicaid for Medicaid consumers (agencies are not doing so).
- CSS Providers were sent an email requesting to provide the total number of consumers who are not eligible for CSS in their program. Please provide the requested information to Diana Gittens at diana.gittens@doh.nj.gov. The Division seeks to provide a different service to those who are not CSS eligible. This is not to be confused with CSS eligible consumers who refuse services.

ICMS

- Registration information for Cycle 1 of the Foundations in Behavioral Health Training Series can be found online at http://ubhc.rutgers.edu/research_training/brti/tac.html. Again, each of these courses will be offered three times between September 2018 and June 2019, once in each region. Therefore, you/your staff can choose which cycles and trainings you would like to register for closest to your facility, as these same courses will be repeated during cycles 2 and 3 in different locations. Registration details for cycles 2 and 3 will be available in the fall. If you require assistance, please feel free to contact Linda Garvey at (732) 235-9252 or (garvey11@ubhc.rutgers.edu) or Tameka Chatman (motleytn@ubhc.rutgers.edu).

Screening

- Preliminary Award Notices for the Designated Screening RFP went out Aug. 21 as scheduled for Burlington County (Legacy Treatment Services) and Camden County (Oaks Integrated Care). These are the incumbent providers. The notice for Passaic County is delayed at this time.

The 2018 FREE Annual Suicide Prevention Event “Working Together to Prevent Suicide” will take place September 13 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the War Memorial in Trenton. Please register at <https://njsams.rutgers.edu/training/spe/Register.aspx>. Please refer to the attached sheet for FAQ’s regarding the MCO changes effective October 1, 2018 -Managing Acute Psychiatric Care

DMHAS official transfer back to the Department of Human Services will be effective Sept. 29, 2018.

VI. Staff Reports

Municipal Alliance Coordinator – No Report

Addictions Services Administrative – Ms. Beth Jacobson

Ms. Jacobson announced that Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day is October 6. There will be a Knock Out Opioid Abuse Concert on Thursday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Malcom Forbes Amphitheatre at Morristown Medical Center, 100 Madison Ave., Morristown. The concert will feature performances by the winners of the Knock Out Opioid Abuse Songwriters Scholarship Contest. For more information, please see <https://LifeCenterStage.com/>.

All are invited to attend “The Legislative Response to NJ’s Opioid Epidemic” breakfast on October 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Wyndham Hamilton Park Hotel and Conference Center at 175 Park Ave. in Florham Park. To register go to <https://drugfreenj.org/breakfast> or call (973) 625-1998.

Mental Health Administrator – Ms. Becker

Ms. Becker stated that she recently attended a Recovery Event at Greystone. The event was primarily for Greystone residents. Freeholder DeFillippo was there. She gave a Recovery Month Proclamation to the new CEO, Tomika Carter. Individuals talked about their recovery.

The Morris County library is hosting inspiring and fun-filled Stigma Free events in September to bring together to help eradicate the stigma associated with mental illness and substance use/abuse through creative expression, education and resources. The Library Director, Susan Calantone, is embracing all of this great work. To register for these events, visit <https://LifeCenterStage.com/>. In Morris County 34 out of 39 towns are stigma free as well as many community partners. We have a seamless continuum.

Ms. Becker is attending a Stigma-free community based event Sat., Sept. 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Chilton Medical Center, Pompton Plains. This event is designed to promote education about mental health awareness, depression and suicide prevention, and the important

of access to mental health care. Kevin Hines will speak about his life and journey. He was manic, depressed and paranoid. He was tired of looking at himself; he was angry and he was tired of fighting the disease. One morning he took a bus to the Golden Gate Bridge and jumped off the bridge. As he was jumping, he asked God to save him. Somehow he survived the jump with only minor injuries. After seeing his father cry for the first time in his life it was like an epiphany. He felt he had to live and fight this every day until he got better, if nothing but for his family. He realized that although life is still tough and he still gets the voices, the panic attacks, etc. he will continue to fight every day and spread the message that life is worth living!

September is Suicide Prevention month and there will be a walk in Chatham.

Human Services Director – Ms. Carpinteri

At the Freeholder meeting last night a Resolution was approved for Navigating Hope with Family Promise as the lead partner. The project is moving forward and work is being done to customize the Navigating Hope truck. The Navigating Hope truck will be a real office on wheels and a usable vehicle. The hope is that it is on the road later this year. Navigating Hope staff are shadowing Hope One.

The Ruth Davis Drive RFP went out and is due on Nov. 2. The Morris Advisory Leadership group will review and provide recommendations to the Freeholders. Via the Unified Funding approach, the Leadership group make decisions to maximize funding resources. On Sept. 18, there will be a Question and Answer session for the Ruth Davis Drive RFP at 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 82, One Medical Drive, Morris Plains.

Morris View Health Care Center went through remediation the last week of August specific to ensure that all is safe re: Legionnaires. All went smoothly and was successful. Of 41 people tested, all test results came back negative. Safety precautions are still in place.

Ms. Carpinteri and Ms. Becker were part of the team effort with DMHAS and community providers to assist a community resident who needed multiple supports. Working together with St. Clare's, Mental Health Association, DMHAS and with Freeholder support, they were able to find needed community supports for this individual.

Ms. Himsl asked if there are any updates on the safety concerns at Greystone. Ms. Alexander said there are no updates. All hospitals remained under the Department of Health. Greystone has a new quality assurance team and a new CEO, Tomika Carter. The team is reinvigorated and are addressing issues. Ms. Himsl said that Governor Christie had appointed a task force to investigate all state hospitals. Ms. Becker said a report was done and published. Suggestion made that we invite the new CEO, Ms. Carter, to the board to give an update. Ms. Brown and Ms. Alexander said they both see improvements.

VII. Joint PAC Report – Ms. Chandler

Most of the meeting was the focus group conducted by Beth Jacobson for the County Comprehensive Plan. The summary will be shared once complete.

Ms. Cianci announced her resignation from Hope House. Since that time, Hope House has advised the county that they will no longer be running their substance abuse programs.

VIII. Old Business – None

IX. New Business –

HSAC Report

- At the July Community Assistance Services Committee (CAS) meeting, Ms. Carpinteri reported that this was the first year of an unfunded mandate to shelter all homeless during the times of extreme weather and, considering this, she believes the first year was a success. She extended her thanks to all partners throughout the county and the Morristown and Dover municipalities and noted that the higher level of communication and partnerships can only make the county stronger. Ms. Carpinteri also reported that there would be Freeholder Resolution in July to staff the Navigating Hope vehicle to enhance Code Blue as well as other initiatives.
- Mr. Bashe, Chair, CoC Executive Committee, reported that HUD released the 2018 NOFA and the CoC initiated the competition for CoC funding. This funding is in the amount of \$1,971,508.00 and provides funding to programs serving the homeless individuals and families in the community. A letter and supporting information was posted on the County website announcing the request for local proposals, and a Technical Assistance (TA) meeting was held on July 9 for prospective bidders. The TA meeting was well attended. Proposals were due July 20. The CoC Program Review Committee heard presentations and scored/ranked proposals on July 30. There were 12 renewals and 6 new proposals submitted. This is for funding beginning in mid-2019. The process was challenging but decisions were made and agencies were notified of their awards/declinations. CoC and agency applications are due to HUD by September 18.
- The Morris, Sussex, Warren HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee is hosting a Career Development Lunch and Learn on Sept. 18 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. at 435 South Street, 3rd floor Conf. Rm., Morristown. Learn about back to work and educational programs offered through state, local or grant funding. Ms. Donna Buchanan, Director of Employment and Training Services, will be presenting. This Lunch and Learn is geared toward clients. RSVP through the client's case manager.

Drug Court Graduation - Mr. Julian Hill

On Sept. 24 at the Dragonetti Auditorium, County College of Morris will be the Drug Court graduation. They will highlight those that are doing well. There are about twelve that will graduate. Some have been in the Drug Court program for five years and some for less. The program gives them the instruments they need. The program is working well. Once they graduate, they can apply for expungement of their records. Their charges are dropped along with any other charges. Some of the drug court graduates go to work for CARES and become Peer Recovery Specialists. Ms. Becker asked for Mr. Hill to give a report on drug court at one of the next meetings.

X. Open to the Public - Ms. Brown

The Morris County Mental Health and Addictions Coalition invites all to attend the 1st Annual Legislative Breakfast on Friday, October 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Park Ave. Club, 184 Park Ave., Florham Park. The cost is \$30. The annual breakfast represents an opportunity to initiate dialogue with state, county and local representatives regarding issues of concern to the behavioral health community. It also serves as a vehicle for elected officials to share their positions with us on legislative matters that have the potential to impact individuals and families whose lives are affected by mental illness and/or behavioral disorders. All are welcome.

XI. Adjourn

Motion made by Ms. Garodnick to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Patricia MocarSKI
Program Development Aide**