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Mental Health Addictions Services Advisory Board (MHASAB)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 8, 2021, 5:15 pm via Webex Meeting

I. Call to Order and Attendance

Mr. Chris Chernick, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:17 pm. A quorum was established, and attendance was as follows:

Members Present:

Caroline Bailey, Morris County Prevention is Key
Chris Chernick, Citizen Representative – Chair
Linda Csengeto, Citizen Representative
Heather Diamond, Center for Evaluation & Counseling
Maria Fodali, Morris County Office of Temporary Assistance
Cheryl Garodnick, Therapy Resources of Morris County – Vice Chair
Julian Hill, Esq., Morris County Prosecutor’s Office
Marcy McMann, Esq., Citizen Representative
Alton Robinson, Citizen Representative
Margaret Rodriguez, Morris County Prosecutor’s Office
Barbara Ward, Citizen Representative
Chelsea Whiting, Morris County Sherriff’s Office

Others in Attendance:

Eileen Alexander, NJ DHS Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Michelle Borden, NewBridge Services
Rebecca Dauerman, Atlantic Health
Carmine Deo, Community Hope
Kelly Rufe, SERV Behavioral Health System

Staff in Attendance:

Amy Archer, Morris County Department of Human Services
Kasey Errico, Director, Morris County Department of Human Services
Anna Marie Hess, Morris County Department of Human Services
Rosalyn Suarez, Morris County Department of Human Services

II. Approval of March 11, 2021 Minutes

Mr. Chernick asked for a motion to approve the March 11 minutes. Ms. Ward made the motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Hill seconded the motion. All were in favor, with one abstention and no opposition. Motion carried.

III. Chair Report – Mr. Chernick

Ms. Shivas has served as the MHASAB Liaison to the Human Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) and can no longer fill that role. We ask for a volunteer to attend the HSAC meetings, held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:15 pm via Webex. This Liaison will present a report to the HSAC on MHASAB meetings and vice versa. Please let Ms. Archer or Ms. Hess know if you are interested.

Three members have not signed up for a Subcommittee. Participation on a subcommittee is a requirement of your appointment. Please do so ASAP.

Four members have not returned their contact information forms. Please do so ASAP.

IV. State Liaison Reports

Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services – Ms. Alexander

March Residential Meetings Update:

Residential Provider Meeting on March 23, 10am-12pm
DMHAS has partnered with DOH and Walmart to provide vaccines to Residential Consumer and Staff within the Mental Health System. Agencies provided an excel grid with names of consumers and staff in need of the vaccine. Agencies will be contacted directly by Walmart to schedule the appointments. Walmart will be issuing the Johnson and Johnson vaccine that is one dose.

March Quarterly Provider Meeting update:

DMHAS held a Quarterly Provider Meeting on 3/11/21 with presentations regarding Incident Reporting, the NJ Evidence-Based Practices Initiative, and the State Tobacco Control Community of Practice partnership between DOH and DMHAS.

The next QPM will meet on July 8, 2021, to allow the budget to be finalized before the meeting. As of now, the proposed budget will include increased funding for:

- Increase of fair market rates for DMHAS subsidies to increase current rates (currently, they are at 2018 rates).
- Pathway for psychiatric residencies (10 residencies in total) in community-based mental health and SUD programs
- Increased state aid for County Psychiatric Hospitals as their costs have increased over time.

- Additional DMHAS subsidies for CSS are allocated for those coming out of the State Psychiatric Hospitals (180 proposed)
- Additional DMHAS subsidies for CSS are earmarked for the homeless, at risk of homelessness, or at risk of hospitalization (20 proposed)
- \$2.2 million for a pilot program with the Administrative Office of the Courts for consumers with mental illness interacting with the criminal justice system

Reminder: Cultural Competency Plans are Due April 30, 2021 (See attached Correspondence) Technical assistance information is provided in the letter if needed.

Request for Proposals

Reminder: Opioids Reduction Options (ORO) in the Emergency Department

The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) seek to award acute care hospitals with an ED to address the opioid epidemic in New Jersey. Funding is available for FFY 2021. Total funding is \$1,125,000 for a one-year period.

The proposal is effective March 11

The submission deadline is April 8, 2021, by 4:00 pm

Notification Date: April 30

Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Awards:

The Expanded Hour/Same Day Service OTPs will provide same-day access to treatment for individuals with an OUD with or without co-occurring mental health and/or physical health disorders. Services will include medical screening and facilitated referral; behavioral health assessment; medications for the treatment of OUD including methadone and buprenorphine; case management services; and treatment and/or facilitated referral to ongoing treatment. Providers will have naloxone available at all times. The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services awarded four contracts in the total amount of \$2,968,975.

- Agency Name CEO/ Executive Director/ Amount/ Funded County of Award
- John Brooks Recovery Center /Michael Santillo, CEO /\$792,085/ Atlantic
- ARS of New Jersey/ LLC Tara Andrews/CEO \$576,890/ Gloucester
- Spectrum Health Care Inc./ Edward P. Cox, CEO/ \$800,000 /Hudson
- Iron Recovery and Wellness Center Inc./ Charles Wolfe, Executive Director/ \$800,000 /Mercer

DOH CN beds Update:

106 beds have been brought online so far, below is the most current listing

Morristown Memorial	8 new open beds
Princeton House BH	6 new open beds (the remainder to potentially open the end of 2021)
St. Claire's Dover	24 new open beds
St. Mary's Hospital Passaic	24 new open beds
RWJ Univ Hospital Somerset	12 new closed beds
St. Joseph's Regional Paterson	6 new closed beds

Salem Medical center

26 new open beds

Three facilities have architectural plans submitted for approval, or the facility is currently in the construction phase:

Rutgers University Behavioral HC

10 closed beds

St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital

Plans approved July 2019, construction in process

Sunrise Psychiatric in Toms River – New Facility – plans approved July 2019, facility in construction

Children's Mobile Crisis

Mollie Greene at DCF talking about Children's Mobile Responses and Stabilization Services (CMRSS):

<https://www.njspotlight.com/video/nj-tries-to-meet-growing-need-for-youth-mental-health-services-during-pandemic/>

Circulating because some stakeholders may think Screening is the only game in town and it is not.

DCA Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Please see the attached flyer for the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). The application opens on March 22, 2021, at 9 am. DCA's online portal can be accessed via this site: <https://njdca.onlinepha.com>. The attached flyer outlines the requirements and documentation requested for this program. Please check DCA's website for more information.

PACT Providers

Please have the PACT provider Agencies reach out to either Jenna Cassese or Sarah Kaplan at Sarah.Kaplan@doh.nj.gov to request a waiver application, if needed.

CT_R RLI

Dr. Eilers/Margaret Molnar is in the process of kicking off an initiative to train and supervise peer providers using Recovery-Oriented Cognitive Therapy (CT-R) and will also be using and evaluating the impact of contingency management incentives. As you will see by the RLI and the proposal from the Beck Institute, we are focusing our efforts on clinical programs in Hudson, Morris, Passaic, and Union Counties. These counties were selected due to the severity of the COVID virus.

Rutgers CSS Training for LCSW, LPC, LSW, LAC, RN on April 8 - 15, 2021. Please register on the Rutgers CSS website.

Social Security Press Release

Please see the Press Release attached from the Social Security Administration concerning changes they have made to accommodate individuals during the pandemic.

Support Group

Asian American and Pacific Islander Woman's support group to discuss recent Anti-Asian violence

Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 Time: 8:00 pm- 9:00 pm Cost: Free

CARES Act Funding

There is Warren, Sussex, and Morris CARES Act funding available through Dawn Center for Independent Living. Brochure attached. Needs have to be related to or a result of the pandemic.

New Resource for COVID Telehealth Services

This program is unique in that it is a resource to those, not only with a severe and persistent mental illness but pretty much anyone struggling emotionally during this pandemic. It is a counseling linkage program that will provide counseling services to staff, medical professionals, SPMI, MI, and family members. All is provided via telehealth. Your insurance is utilized, but if your insurance does not cover it, the grant will. So basically, there is no reason not to reach out for help.

All the interested person must do is call 1-833-223-0011 between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm. The link for an explanation of the service

[is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyVoKi8CkFc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyVoKi8CkFc)

V. Staff Reports

Municipal Alliance Coordinator – no report

Addictions Services Coordinator – Ms. Suarez

- Governor Murphy signed a bill on March 26 which allows law enforcement to provide a written warning to a parent/guardian who has a minor under 18 years old who is in possession or consuming alcohol or marijuana.
- Morris County received the County Innovation Award Letter from DMHAS to extend the county contract for an additional year. Currently, Morris County's Innovation Grant is a collaboration between Legal Services of Northwest Jersey and CARES to provide addiction services and civil legal services to individuals involved in Pre-trial services.
- The next Opiate Task Force meeting is next Tuesday, April 13, at 10:00 am.

Mental Health Administrator – Ms. Archer

- The County has partnered with the State to administer the \$14 million grant reserved for Morris County residents.
- The Census Data Tools meeting is April 9, 11:00 am – 11:45 am.
- Covid Wellness Event for Seniors and Adults with disabilities on April 12 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Morris County Library.

- Morris County’s CV-ESG and CV-CDBG Allocations (4/6/21) were discussed. CV-CDBG 2 and CV-CDBG3 are proposed plans and cannot be finalized until the contract with HUD is received.

CV-ESG 1 & 2

(funding below includes administrative costs if requested by the provider)

\$17,000	JBWS	Emergency Shelter
\$246,384	Family Promise	Emergency Shelter
\$44,776	Homeless Solutions	Emergency Shelter
\$605,616	Family Promise	Rapid Rehousing
\$25,000	Homeless Solutions	Homeless Prevention
\$150,000	County reimbursement	RDD security
\$60,000	County reimbursement	Street outreach (shower/handwashing station)
\$56,516	County reimbursement	Warming center extension
\$79,000	Family Promise	Street outreach
\$314,000	Family Promise	Case management for RDD shelter
\$179,993	Homeless Solutions	Temporary Shelter/Safe Haven

\$74,950	Homeless Solutions	Temporary Shelter for men and women
\$171,275	County	COVID positive Shelter
\$56,128	County Admin	Administrative dollars
\$2,080,638		TOTAL

CV-CDBG 1

(funding below includes administrative costs if requested by the provider)

\$70,000	OTA	Motel rooms/food/transportation
\$60,000	County reimbursement	Food reimbursement (for funding given to food pantries)
\$246,225	Legal Services	Representation for consumers affected by COVID
\$154,750	Interfaith Food Pantry	Food delivery to seniors in low-income housing
\$40,000	County Nutrition	Extra meal for consumers in nutrition program**
\$296,243	Mental Health Association	Suicide Prevention Program
\$260,965	Unallocated	Community Programming (have proposals will be reviewed by Advisory Board)
\$36,011	County Admin	Administrative dollars

\$1,164,194		TOTAL
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CV-CDBG 2 – the plan is pending with DCA. Have to wait for approval/contract to proceed

Proposed plan:

\$1,271,169	Unallocated	Economic Development (small business loans/grants)
\$141,240	County Admin	Administrative dollars

CV-CDBG 3 –Have to wait for the contract to proceed

\$1,778,662	Unallocated	Foreclosure Prevention Program
\$733,484	Unallocated	Community Programming (have proposals will be reviewed by Advisory Board)
\$200,000	County Admin	Administrative dollars
\$2,712,146		TOTAL

VI. Subcommittee Reports

Funding – no report

Planning – no report

Legislative/Advocacy – no report

County Alliance Steering Subcommittee (CASS) – no report

VII. Joint PAC Report – Mr. Deo

Our next meeting will be April 9.

VIII. HSAC Report – no report

IX. Old Business – no comment

X. New Business – no comment

XI. Open to the Public – no comment

XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Csengeto and seconded by Ms. Ward. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Marie Hess
Clerk II