

Mental Hygiene Board

MINUTES

Monday – June 17, 2024 – Teams Meeting

Begin: 12:00 PM...Ended at 12:47 PM

Facilitator	Mark Searle, Chair (E)	
Note Taker	Sandi Pierson – Confidential Administrative Assistant	
Attendees	<u>PRESENT:</u> Hassan Abdul-Malik (L) Jeanine Agnolet, Vice Chairperson (E) Brian Altonen (L) Christina Aquino (E) Cheryl Brady (E) Barbara Citarella (L) Gary Collins, Recording Secretary (L) Amanda Dixon (V) Karen Lancaster (E) Alice Linder (E) Nedra Patterson-Thompson (L) Sarah Ugolini (E) Jean-Marie Niebuhr, LCSW-R (L) Deputy Commissioner/Director of Community Services V=Member participated virtually L=Member participated Live, In-person	<u>EXCUSED/ABSENT:</u> Heather Kunkle (A) Brianna Wasilewski (A) <u>GUESTS:</u>
PREVIOUS MINUTES		
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5/20/24 Minutes	<i>A motion to accept the May minutes as submitted was made by Barbara Citarella, seconded by Dr. Hassan Abdul-Malik, and approved by all Board members present.</i>	
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S MONTHLY REPORT		
May 2024 Report	The Deputy Commissioner's Monthly Report for May was distributed prior to today's meeting. Jean-Marie started by explaining more about the Dutchess County Threat Assessment Group. It is a multidisciplinary group of professionals that meets to prevent targeted acts of violence. She shared that the steering committee meets regularly to review cases and participating member agencies (PMA) are still being trained and will be the eyes and ears of the community and can refer cases to the core group for review. The next task that the group is working on is establishing a public facing portal where people can make referrals to, if they have a concern. Barbara asked for a list of the Steering Committee members. Barbara asked about drug court in Dutchess County. Dr. Gary Collins has extensive experience in this area and spoke on eligibility, the steps involved once someone is in drug court, and what they must do to "graduate". Jean-Marie also spoke on how and when ITAP and supported housing programs work into this process. <i>A motion to accept the May Deputy Commissioner's Reports as submitted was made by Nedra Patterson-Thompson, seconded by Barbara Citarella, and approved by all Board members present.</i>	Jean-Marie will send a list of Steering Committee members out.
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE		
Grant Opportunity	Jean-Marie shared that Dutchess County was awarded a pilot grant opportunity through OMH to launch a Train-the-Trainer session for Mental Health First Aid, specifically geared toward college students.	

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	They'll be able to train 8 trainers that will be available to our college campuses and the training includes a harm reduction unit, as well.	
SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS		
Addiction & Recovery Dr. Hassan Abdul Malik	<i>The group met on May 8th and discussed the following:</i> <i>The group hosted a guest speaker from Mental Health America</i> <i>They would like to develop a presentation on the improved quality of life in recovery. They'd like to present to local prisons, but they're having a hard time getting in to speak to people.</i> <i>A letter of interest and resume were sent in advance for Jamonte Johnson, a perspective new member. A motion was made to accept Jamonte as the subcommittee's newest member and was approved by all in attendance.</i>	
Children & Youth Amanda Dixon	<i>The group had to cancel their June meeting.</i>	
IDC Mark Searle	<i>The group met on May 14th and discussed the following:</i> <i>Compass ADA- Presentation by Carmen Burke, Community Outreach Specialist with ADA Supports</i> <i>Coordinated Care Clinic – Dr. Rachana Tyagi wants to start a Coordinated Care Clinic and requested assistance in getting a planning committee together to formulate a plan to present to State officials. About 15 agency partners and parents have signed on for the committee. Initial meeting pending.</i> <i>A letter of interest and resume were sent in advance for Christine Penas, a perspective new member. A motion was made to accept Christine as the subcommittee's newest member and was approved by all in attendance.</i>	

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Mental Health	<i>The group did not have a quorum and could not meet.</i>	
NEW BUSINESS		
Acupuncture	Nedra mentioned that a constituent had reached out to her to ask if the county had considered utilizing any acupuncture techniques to help people in recovery to manage cravings. Jean-Marie said that it would be up to the individual agencies to decide if that's something they'd like to offer. She stressed that you need to offer a wide variety of options for people since one method doesn't help everyone reach and maintain recovery, so this could be helpful.	
MHRH Guest	The Board asked for a representative from MidHudson Regional Hospital to join us for the October meeting to talk more about the Behavioral Health Center for Excellence.	Jean-Marie will reach out to Todd Hixson to see if he can join.
OLD BUSINESS		
DBCH Split	The Charter change for the Community Health Department and the Mental Health Department split will be on the Legislative agenda for July. After that, the Mental Hygiene Board will change to the Community Services Board.	
FOLLOW-UPS		

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