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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 GREYSTONE PARK PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL**

- I. The Board of Trustees Meeting at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital (GPPH) was held via telephone conference call on Thursday, October 20, 2022, pursuant to the notice duly given. In conformance with the Public Open Meetings law, notices for the meeting were sent to Daily Record and the Star-Ledger.

Board Member Attendance:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Chairman James (Jim) DiGiulio, Esq.	
Sheriff James M. Gannon	
Peter Simon, Esq.	X
Bruce Sisler, Esq.	
Louis Modugno, Esq.	

Hospital Administrators Attendance:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Thomas Rosamilia, Interim Chief Executive Officer	
Eric Madurki, Deputy Chief Executive Officer	
Dr. Ritesha Krishnappa MD, Interim Medical Director	X
Dr. Laura Romano, Chief Nursing Officer	X
Jack Frey, Business Manager	X
Dorothea Josephs-Spaulding, Director of Quality Management	
Timothy Dimitrios, Administrative Analyst 4	X
David Hutchinson, Director of Nursing	X
Maria Jazenback, Secretary to the Board	
Stephanie Gabelmann, GPA Liaison	X

CALL TO ORDER at 3:15pm by Chairman, James DiGiulio. It was discussed that since the meeting is being held via telephone conference call that all parties phones are to be muted but at the end of the meeting the line will be opened for any public comments.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The September 15, 2022 Board minutes were presented for approval. Louis Modugno gave the 1st motion for approval. Bruce Sisler gave the 2nd motion for approval. All in favor. The September 2022 minutes were adopted.

III. CEO REPORT:

Mr. Tom Rosamilia, Interim Chief Executive Officer at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital presented the CEO Report for the board meeting.

Greystone is continuing with the PIC ceiling replacements. We have completed seven (7) out of the eighteen (18) units. We are estimating completion by April 2023.

The B2 unit issues were discussed as we are repairing everything from the pipe leak. B2 will be returning to B2 soon. B2 is currently stationed on G3.

Our census average is 363.6, admissions for the month were twelve (12) and discharges for the month were nine (9).

There are currently zero (0) covid positive patients in the facility and zero (0) covid positive patients in an acute hospital. We have not had a positive patient since early September. A1 and B1 do not have any patients in quarantine.

Recruitment: Specialized Program for the Deaf trying to backfill sign language specialists and HSTs who can sign. We have welcomed and onboarded Dr. Thor Tangvald to the Psychiatry team as a locums psychiatrist. A psychiatrist who was out on leave of absence has returned from medical leave this month. Kudos was given to Dr. Thor Tangvald for attending morning meetings and following up with his patients by scheduling meetings with his patients during life management meetings. He is a great role model physician but he is providing the model of care that we want. We have other great psychiatrists but we are recognizing Dr. Thor Tangvald this month.

Blockhouse furniture in the Cottages looks great! Great improvement and is a positive for the cottages as it looks fresh and very nice. Housekeeping was given Kudos for doing a great job in the Cottages. Norix Furniture is a long process due to supply issues however when it is complete, it will look great.

Housing Vouchers were discussed as anticipated increases in housing vouchers may be coming soon and it looks like they may be going up about 20% which will open it up for more people.

Co-occurring department will be bringing AA back on site again. We were able to run AA remotely and virtually as well to keep patients linked for services but it is now coming on site again.

It was discussed that our CEPP patient number is 95 at this time.

The Patient Services Compliance Unit Plan of Action was developed as PPE citation was given due to type of mask, up to date group schedule not posted, patient rights posters not legible, etc.

There were 5.4 assaults per 1000 patient days. The case reviews and administrative meetings have occurred and changes are being made in attempts to lower assaults.

In August, there were two (2) restraint episodes but reported one (1) last month. Found a glitch in electronic reporting but there were two (2) restraint episodes so we wanted to correct this reporting. We are continuing to cross check this information to ensure proper information is reported to the Board of Trustees and the public. Our Physician Order Entry System (POES) tracked restraints but written orders the doctor does not always get entered into POES by the doctor so we are taking it seriously and counting manually to ensure accurate numbers reported.

There was an increase in restraints in September as we went from two (2) to ten (10) this month. Totaled about ten (10) hours and seven (7) of the ten (10) were two (2) point restraints. This comes to about .05 per 1000 patients.

There were twenty four (24) seclusion events at thirty nine (39) hours total. August was .11 but September was .15 which is still far below the nationwide average.

There were twenty one (21) falls in August and eight (8) falls in September. This is less than 3/4 of falls per 1000 patient days. Kudos to nursing on keeping these numbers down.

Medical Records discussion occurred in regard to the Clarisol data breach. The breach was generated by Clairisol through Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. There were 12 patients that were potentially breached that are currently patients at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital. We are currently switching medical transcription companies. Background and credit checks were completed for the patients who were affected.

Rehab Department's library group had 537 patient contacts. This average's about 25 patients per day. The gym had almost 1000 patient contacts which is about 32 patients per day. CEC had 528 patient contacts which is about 1.5 hour shifts for patients. Patients do make money through CEC. Park Place re-opened and we are looking to expand what is being served there. Food Handling/Service Skills are being looked at for patients.

Octoberfest will be occurring this week and next. It is the annual required education that needs to occur for all staff. There have been about 450 staff who completed it so far this week.

The Board of Trustees Chairman, James DiGiulio thanked Tom Rosamilia for his presentation and for clarifying/revising the data presented at the last meeting. The Board of Trustees did not have any questions regarding the CEO report.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The patient welfare fund information for September 2022 was reviewed by the Board of Trustees prior to this meeting. The beginning balance for September 2022 was reviewed as \$67,681.36 with \$7,803.35 deposited and \$2,736.43 in disbursements. The ending balance was \$72,748.28. Balance of cash management fund was \$484,980.29 and the total patient welfare fund available balance ended at \$557,728.57.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed at this meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed at this meeting.

VII. OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTING

John Verney, Office of Community Services reported the following:

1. Request For Proposal RFP:

Open Access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Homeless Shelters

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to increase access to buprenorphine and other ancillary services for individuals with a substance use disorder (SUD) through current programming available at homeless shelters that are licensed by New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Bureau of Rooming and Boarding House Standards and outlined in state regulation NJAC 5:15. These providers will develop the capacity to provide medication and support services for individuals who reside or drop in at homeless shelters. The intent of the program is to provide low threshold medication services to individuals with a SUD who present in these settings.

The successful bidder to this RFP will initiate medication for SUD and maintain the individual on that medication or transition the individual to a community provider. It is expected that providers will use funds for all of the following: (1) identify and designate a Champion within the homeless shelter who will lead the shelter's efforts to provide medication for SUD; (2) initiate same-day medications; (3) contract or employ staff with the credentials to prescribe medications; (4) contract or employ case/care managers, and peers, to connect and engage patients in treatment and social services and to assist patients with care transitions; (5) create a welcoming and non-stigmatizing atmosphere for individuals seeking medications; (6) provide naloxone as an overdose prevention medication, (7) connect individuals to an affiliated Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) for the treatment of physical and mental health concerns and chronic pain; and (8) implement harm reductions strategies and interventions to address SUDs, primarily opioid use disorder (OUD) and alcohol use disorder (AUD).

This RFP is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant. Total annualized funding for this RFP is \$2,975,000 subject to federal appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making up to seven (7) awards of up to \$425,000 each.

Proposal Due Date: October 21, 2022; Notification Date is November 18, 2022

2. Updates on LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) Program. The Department of Law & Public Safety recently announced they have selected to following 6 municipalities to pilot the LEAD Program:

- Phillipsburg (Warren County)
- Irvington (Essex County)
- Elizabeth (Union County)
- New Brunswick (Middlesex County)
- Brick (Ocean County)
- Bridgeton (Cumberland County)

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion is designed to give law enforcement officers discretion to divert individuals who commit low-level offenses that are driven by substance use, mental illness, and/or homelessness directly to long-term, community-based, harm reduction case management for individuals with repeated contact with law enforcement whose low-level criminal conduct is driven by unmet behavioral needs.

The Notice of Availability of Funding, Program Administration and Guidelines, and the Application Package are available at: <https://www.njoag.gov/resources/grant-opportunities/> The deadline for applicants to apply is October 31, 2022 at 4:00PM.

3. Upcoming Events:

- The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services will hold its annual **Suicide Prevention Conference on October 12, 2022**. We welcome anyone interested in learning about suicide prevention to join us for this annual full-day virtual event. For more information, please contact allison.kusznikow@dhs.nj.gov.
- **Social Security Administration: Work Incentive Seminar Event:** October 26 the next Work Incentive Seminar Event (WISE) webinar! During this month's webinar, SSA will discuss the myths and facts about Medicare and Medicaid coverage and work. Learn about how employment affects Medicare and Medicaid benefits and how Social Security's Ticket to Work Program resources can help you succeed on the path to financial independence.

Get the facts on: How earnings from work affect your Medicare or Medicaid; How Social Security Work Incentives help you continue to receive medical coverage when you start working; How a Benefits Counselor can help you on your journey to work.

Register Online: choosework.ssa.gov/wise

By Phone: 1-866-968-7842 or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY)

Visit our website: choosework.ssa.gov

- **Mental Health Awareness Trainings** throughout the month of October.

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) - October 11, 2022 1pm

What's Next: Wellness for the new normal- October 18, 2022 10am

QPR-October 21, 2022 1pm

QPR-October 26, 2022 10am

For more information contact: megan.sullivan@dhs.nj.gov.

4. Announcements:

The State of New Jersey wants public input on how the opioid settlement funds should be used. Portal will be open for CY2023 submissions August 31 – October 31, 2022.

https://www.nj.gov/opioidfunds/?utm_campaign=20220902_nwsltr&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

VIII. GREYSTONE PARK ASSOCIATION

Greystone Park Association was not in attendance at this meeting. The October 2022 report for GPA was submitted to the Board of Trustees prior to the meeting. The Board of Trustees did request that any outstanding items/issues be addressed prior to the next meeting.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairman, James DiGiulio opened the floor for questions and/or comments. Members of the public were reminded that they had five (5) minutes to state their question(s)/comments. Any questions/concerns that can not be addressed during this meeting will be addressed during the next meeting.

Public Member

Ms. Ann Weber asked the following questions:

How many agency doctors are at Greystone? Do agency doctors cost the state more money?

The Interim CEO, Thomas Rosamilia discussed that there are four (4) agency psychiatrists at Greystone. The agency does get a management fee so an agency physician will cost more to the state than a state physician would cost.

Previously, the geriatric patients on admissions were transferred to a geriatric unit for their safety and were not kept on admissions units. Will this continue to be the case?

The Interim CEO, Thomas Rosamilia discussed that we are keeping a lower number of patients on geriatric units for numerous reasons. There are about two thirds of the geriatric patients that have private rooms to keep them safer. When a geriatric patient is in admissions, we typically have to relocate based on discharges or needs. We have had some discharges on the geriatric units more recently which is freeing up beds. We have not had any

instances where the elderly were victimized recently due to them staying on admissions instead of being transferred quickly.

Are non-forensic patients being placed on forensic units?

The Interim CEO, Thomas Rosamilia discussed that GPPH does have some non-forensic patients on the forensic units but may be placed there due to the need of the patient.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman, Jim DiGiulio gave the 1st motion to adjourn the meeting and Vice Chairman, Sheriff Gannon provided the 2nd motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at **3:49pm**.

XI. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 3:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Maria Jazenback, Secretary
GPPH's Board of Trustees

Witnessed By,



James DiGiulio, Chairman
GPPH's Board of Trustees