

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TRENTON PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Trenton Psychiatric Hospital was held on **Thursday, June 20, 2024**, pursuant to notice duly given. In conformance with the Public Open Meetings Law, notice of the meeting has been sent to The Trenton Times, The Trentonian, Newark Star-Ledger and the Secretary of State and a notice placed on the bulletin board of Trenton Psychiatric Hospital.

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Excused:</u>
***Carolyn Torre - RN, MA, APN, FAANP, Chairperson ***Neil Weisfeld, Esq. ***Maureen Lebel – MSW, PhD. ***Thomas Pyle – MBA, MS	***Dr. Mark Rosenberg – DO, MBA, FACEP, FAAHPM

TPH Staff Attendance:

Maria Christensen, CEO; Faith Johnson – Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Clinical); James Hollen, Deputy Chief Executive Officer -Operations (DCEO); Michelle Senni – Executive Assistant to the CEO; Julie Van Houten, Chief Nursing Officer; Intikhab Ahmad, M.D., Clinical Director; Mary Lou Graves – AHA 1/QI Director

Guest:

Barbara Ferrick – Social Work Supervisor; Anthony Frangipane, father of a former patient

Excused:

Angela Wairimu Program Analyst – Office of Community Services, DMHAS;
Sheila Kwoka – Secretary to the Board of Trustees;
Towana Wilkins – Business Manager/General Support,

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/MINUTES APPROVAL:

Roll call was conducted in-person. The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Minutes from the May 16, 2024, meeting were approved.

May Monthly Report:

- Ms. Torre noted that admissions were up in the month of May.
- Ms. Torre observed that though the assault rate was significantly higher in May, the use of restraints was the lowest of any month since January.
- Ms. Torre congratulated New Leaf gardeners on the Mother's Day plant sale.
- Ms. Torre praised all the Wellness Events.
- Ms. Torre inquired about the Nutrition Department group session on "Nutrition Know to Go". The group is taught in the evening. Mr. Weisfeld had a similar interest and asked if the Nutrition Dept. could offer a presentation about it to the Board at a future meeting.
- Ms. Torre asked for a brief explanation of two A+ incidents that seemed to arise from a patient's delusions.
- Ms. Torre praised staff for results of JC unannounced May visit: They closed out the Ligature Risk Extension Request evaluation with no findings.
- Ms. Torre congratulated staff on the 0% delinquency rate (of physician completion of medical records) in HIM report.
- Mr. Weisfeld asked if there is a mechanism in place to determine if patients discharged from TPH are then accessing care at another facility? Response: No current method to track this information. Dr. Lebel suggests patients could be tracked using Medicare and Medicaid data using diagnostic codes.
- Mr. Weisfeld pointed out a discrepancy between the average daily census and the average monthly census figures; Mr. Holland says that the average monthly census table isn't accurate and needs to be corrected.
- Dr. Lebel also pointed to the increase in assaults for the month of May; she told the Board that 5 patients were responsible for 30% of the assaults.
- Dr. Lebel was very pleased with all the Wellness Committee events.
- Dr. Lebel noted that the evening/Weekend activities are down a little bit. Staff response: The complexes are doing their own activities, not all of which are included in this report.
- Dr. Lebel would like more information of SkillUp Training Program, including how long it takes to finish. Ms. Faith Johnson will get back to her with that information.
- Mr. Pyle raised the issue of the complexity of discharging some CEPP patients; this is often related to challenges related to their immigration status. 20.7% of TPH patients are on CEPP status which is very close to the hospital goal of no more than 20%.
- Mr. Pyle asked about pressure on TPH to admit more patients: Mr. Holland described a backlog of patients from both the ER and the community.

- Mr. Pyle asked the number of patients with DDD status (Division of Developmental Disabilities): Answer: 8 patients.
- Mr. Pyle noted assaults were up the Raycroft West 2. Dr. A. said that this was related to an unstable patient in the unit and that with the transfer of two patients, the assault rate has fallen.
- Dr. Rosenberg asked about the discrepancy between assault numbers on p.3 and p.4 of the monthly report: this is due to the timing of issuing the totals for the report; the final assault number for May was 97 which is the highest it has been in 2024, to date.
- Dr. Rosenberg commended all the staff who participate in the wellness events.
- Dr. Rosenberg praised the vocational training programs; he would like to see more of them.
- Mr. Gallagher congratulated staff on resolution of previous Joint Commission findings on ligature risks in their recent visit.
- Mr. Gallagher commented positively on pastoral support services for staff who have experienced an assault or difficult encounter.
- Mr. Gallaher described New Leaf gardener's activities, hikes, and skills training as highly beneficial for patients; kudos to staff.

- **AUXILIARY REPORT:**

- Ms. Senni thanked everyone for their donations. The Auxiliary still continues to accept all donations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Incident Committee – Dr. Maureen Lebel**

- No Report at this time.

- **Legislative Committee – Mr. Neil Weisfeld**

The Committee is monitoring the following bills involving mental health services. Any legislative committee action taken since our last report appears in boldface **(thus)**.

A276/S2549:

Establishes "Student Mental Health Task Force".

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Michele Matsikoudis (R); Senator James Beach (D).

Referred to Assembly Education Committee and Senate Education Committee.

A642/S285:

Allows for state employee retirement system (PERS) accidental injury benefits for employees of state psychiatric hospitals and correctional facilities injured on the job dating back to 2003.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Sean T. Kean (R); Senators Brian P. Stack (D), Anthony M. Bucco (R).

Referred to Assembly Labor Committee and Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

A1143/S1032:

Establishes annual cost-of-living adjustment for state-contracted programs for mental health, substance use disorder, and developmental disability programs.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Carol A. Murphy (D); Senators Linda R. Greenstein (D), Joseph F. Vitale (D), Vin Gopal (D).

Referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. **Approved by the Senate Committee 8-0 on June 6 and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.**

A1326/S952:

Requires health insurance coverage of annual mental health screenings.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Christopher P. DePhillips (R), Nancy F. Munoz (R); Senators Kristin M. Corrado (R), Holly T. Schepisi (R).

Referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee and Senate Commerce Committee.

A1536/S322:

Enhances suicide prevention services.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Victoria A. Flynn (R); Senators Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr., (D), Linda R. Greenstein (D).

Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A1560/S797:

Requires suicide prevention training for mental health practitioners.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Victoria A. Flynn (R); Senators Anthony M. Bucco (R), Vin Gopal (D).

Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A1655/S2406:

Requires health plans to maintain an adequate network of mental health practitioners.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Pamela R. Lampitt (D), Ellen J. Park (D); Senator James Beach (D).

Referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee and Senate Commerce Committee.

A1673/S1067:

Improves access to mental health services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Sponsors: Pamela R. Lampitt (D), Carol A. Murphy (D), Heather Simmons (D); Senators Linda R. Greenstein (D), M. Teresa Ruiz (D).

Referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. **Approved by Senate Committee 8-0 on March 14 and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. Approved by Assembly Committee 6-0 on June 6 and referred to Assembly Health Committee.**

A2151/S813:

Establishes public awareness campaign for services for frontline workers and families involving COVID-19.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. William F. Moen, Jr. (D); Senator Anthony M. Bucco (R).

Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A2310/S2020:

Requires health plans to cover mental health services for victims of domestic violence.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Lisa Swain (D); Senators Vin Gopal (D), M. Teresa Ruiz (D).

Referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A2383/S1059:

Creates a \$3-million grant program for mental health services for law enforcement personnel.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. William W. Spearman (D), Reginald W. Atkins (D), Linda S. Carter (D); Senators Linda R. Greenstein (D), Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez (D).

Referred to Assembly Community Development and Women's Affairs Committee and Senate Law and Public Safety Committee. **Approved by Senate committee 4-0 on May 16 and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.**

A2795/S1271:

Creates pilot program of coordinated benefits for emergency department behavioral health patients.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Louis D. Greenwald (D); Senator James Beach (D).

Referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A2831/S2248:

Creates pilot program of mental health assistance for students in selected school districts.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Anthony S. Verrrelli (D), Robert J. Karabinchak (D); Senators M. Teresa Ruiz (D), Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez (D).

Referred to Assembly Education Committee and Senate Education Committee.

A2837/S897:

Permits early match with residency or clinical programs for mental health professions students.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Anthony S. Verrelli (D); Senator Kristin M. Corrado (R).

Referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee and Senate Higher Education Committee.

A2864/S644:

Creates five-year pilot program of systemic, therapeutic, assessment, resource, and treatment (START) services to adults with both a developmental disability and mental illness.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Anthony S. Verrelli (D); Senator Latham Tiver (R).

Referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A2877/S1702:

Requires courts to refer certain criminal defendants for mental health and substance abuse evaluation.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Anthony S. Verrelli (D), Sterley S. Stanley (D); Senator Declan J. O'Scanlon, Jr. (R).

Referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee and Senate Judiciary Committee.

A2971/S2878:

Establishes four new recovery community centers under the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Tennille R. McCoy (D); Senator Linda R. Greenstein (D).

Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A3176/S1068:

Appropriates \$2 million for mental health services for veterans.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Cleopatra G. Tucker (D), Wayne P. DeAngelo (D), Herb Conaway, Jr. (D); Senators Linda R. Greenstein (D), Joseph A. Lagana (D).

Approved by Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee 6-0 and referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee March 4. Referred to Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

A3195/S853:

Creates mental health awareness pilot program in Department of Education.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Aura K. Dunn (R), Carol A. Murphy (D), Anthony S. Verrelli (D); Senator Anthony M. Bucco (R).

Referred to Assembly Education Committee and Senate Education Committee.

A3352/S2936:

Creates tuition reimbursement program for advanced practice nurses who provide mental health services in underserved areas.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Nancy F. Munoz (R); Senator James Beach (D).

Referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee and Senate Higher Education Committee.

A3515/S1088:

Creates mental health illness hotline through Department of Human Services.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Shanique Speight (D); Senator Britnee N. Timberlake (D).

Referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A3770/S2606:

Requires Medicaid reimbursement of mental health rehabilitation services through the clubhouse program.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Margie Donlon (D), Luanne M. Peterpaul (D); Senators Vin Gopal (D), Declan J. O'Scanlon, Jr. (R).

Referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. **Approved by Senate Committee 8-0 on March 9 and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.**

A3937/S2504:

Requires Medicaid reimbursement for primary care and mental health care to match Medicare rates.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Shanique Speight (D), Yvonne Lopez (D), Eliana Pinto Marin (D), Senators M. Teresa Ruiz (D), Joseph F. Vitale (D).

Referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. **Approved by Senate Committee 8-0 on March 14 and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.**

AJR62/SJR57:

Designates first week of May each year as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Ellen J. Park (D); Senator Angela V. McKnight (D).

Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

In addition, the Committee has begun monitoring the following, more recently introduced bills:

A3959/S2555:

Provides for regulation of residential mental health treatment facilities.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. John V. Azzariti MD (R); Senators Holly T. Schepisi (R), John J. Burzichelli (R).

Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A4224/S896:

Requires institutions of higher education to implement mental health programs and services.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Andrea Katz (D), David Bailey, Jr. (D); Senators Kristin M. Corrado (R), James Beach (D).

Referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee and Senate Higher Education Committee.

A4413/S1650:

Establishes Statewide Suicide Prevention Coordination and Oversight Council in Department of Human Services.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Victoria A. Flynn (R), Gerry Scharfenberger (R); Senators Declan J. O'Scanlon, Jr. (R), Troy Singleton (D).

Referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

AJR112/SJR118:

Designates week that includes September 10th as "Suicide Prevention Week".

Sponsors: Benjie E. Wimberly (D), Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D), Gabriel Rodriguez (D); Senator Angela V. McKnight (D).

Referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. **Approved by Assembly committee 6-0 on May 6.**

II. BILLS AFFECTING HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

The Committee also is monitoring the following bills involving health professions.

A542/S2542:

Requires Board of Medical Examiners to act on physician licensure applications within an average of 51 days.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Sterley S. Stanley (D), Herb Conaway, Jr. (D); Senator Paul D. Moriarty (D).

Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A944/S1983:

Expands independent scope of practice of advanced nurse practitioners.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Nancy F. Munoz (R), William W. Spearman (D), Annette Quijano (D); Senators Joseph F. Vitale (D), Troy Singleton (D).

Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A1390/S1597:

Allows health professionals outside the state to deliver telehealth services to people in New Jersey.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Shama A. Haider (D); Senator Andrew Zwicker (D).

Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A1560/S797:

Requires suicide prevention training for mental health practitioners.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Victoria A. Flynn (R); Senators Anthony M. Bucco (R), Vin Gopal (D).

Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A1859/S1554:

Appropriates \$1 million as a scholarship fund to establish a pathway for health care workers to become nurses.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Herb Conaway, Jr. (D); Senators Shirley K. Turner (D), James Beach (D).

Referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee and Senate Higher Education Committee.

A3353/S2941:

Allows county colleges to offer nursing baccalaureate degree programs.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Nancy F. Munoz (R), Cody D. Miller (D); Senator James Beach (D).

Referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee and Senate Higher Education Committee.

A3583/S781:

Establishes registered-nurse license plates.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Shama A. Haider (D), Annette Quijano (D), Tennille R. McCoy; Senators Gordon M. Johnson (D), Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez (D).

Referred to Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee.
Approved by Senate Transportation Committee 5-0 and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee January 25.

A3701/S1798:

Requires implicit bias training for physicians.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Shanique Speight (D), Tennille R. McCoy (D); Senator Angela V. McKnight (D).

Referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A3786/S2445:

Authorizes study of health care workforce within Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Tennille R. McCoy (D); Senator Anthony M. Bucco (R).

Referred to Assembly Labor Committee and Senate Labor Committee.

III. BILLS AFFECTING DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE:

The Committee also is monitoring the following bills involving treatment for substance use disorder.

A911/S2803:

Requires colleges and universities to maintain naloxone hydrochloride for use in opioid emergencies.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D), Aura K. Dunn (R), Benjie E. Wimberly (D), Clinton Calabrese (D), William W. Spearman (D), Anthony S. Verrelli (D); Senator Shirley K. Turner (D)

Referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee and Senate Higher Education Committee.

A1861/S2017:

Establishes state Antidote Coordinator position.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Herb Conaway, Jr. (D), Anthony S. Verrelli (D); Senator VinGopal (D).

Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A3030/S1215:

Allows patients to indicate they should not be prescribed controlled substances.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Clinton Calabrese (D); Senator James Beach (D).

Referred to Assembly Health Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

A3336/S1322:

Expands support team addiction recovery programs with nearly \$2 million from the opioid fund.

Sponsors: Assembly reps. Benjie E. Wimberly (D), Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D), Shavonda E. Sumter (D); Senators Nellie Pou (D), M. Teresa Ruiz (D).

Referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

AJR19/SJR83:

Designates October of each year as Opioid Abuse Prevention Month.

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Sterley S. Stanley (D); Senator Angela V. McKnight (D).

Referred to Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

IV. NOTE ON LEGISLATION AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS:

Primary elections for federal and county offices were held throughout the State on June 4. For the U.S. Senate seat held by Bob Menendez since 2006, Democrat voters nominated Representative Andy Kim, and Republican voters nominated Curtis Bashaw. Menendez is currently on trial in New York on 18 federal felony charges including conspiracy to act as a foreign agent of the Egyptian and Qatari governments, obstruction of justice, wire fraud, and bribery, and has declared his intention to run to retain the seat as an independent.

Herb Conaway, Jr., current and long-time chair of the Assembly Health Committee, won the Democratic nomination for the U.S. House seat currently held by Representative Kim. Representative Donald Payne, Jr., held the only other now-open seat in New Jersey's 12-member House delegation until his sudden death April 24. A special election to fill Mr. Payne's seat for the few months until the end of the term will be held September 18, following a primary election on July 16.

Governor Murphy signed a major revision of the Open Public Records Act into law on June 5. The controversial new legislation will make it more difficult for journalists and others to access public records.

The Governor and leaders of the Legislature will seek to negotiate a compromise budget for fiscal year 2025 before its July 1st start date.

- **Schulley Trading Post – Mr. Hollen reported for Dr. Rosenberg:**
 - James Hollen reported that there was \$27,000.00 in revenue to date this year. On June 17 there will be a price increase for all items at the Trading Post consistent with the increased cost of expenditures. Overall, the Trading Post is doing well, as it continues to recover from the downturn in business associated with the pandemic.
- **Therapeutic Environment Committee – Mr. Pyle:**
Notable activities:
 - Removal of diseased/dying trees planting of Two Cherry Blossoms/other trees for each removed.
 - Additional tricycles have been purchased.
 - Indoor murals are being drawn in Complexes.
 - On 6/28, there is an Outdoor event for the Spring into Summer. The band will be: “Bell Bottom Blues” Band (Blues\Clapton)
 - On 8/16, there will be a Board-supported trip to Cape May.
- **Welfare Fund – Ms. Torre:**
 - At the request of the TPH Auditor for direct Board approval for items over \$1,000 (paid for by the Welfare Fund), the Board did so for expenditures between now and Oct. 25th. The Board also voted to approve an increase in the total annual budget to \$63,000.00.

**Report from Ms. Angela Wairimu, Program Analyst
Office of Community Services, Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS)
(June 20th, 2024)**

RFPs

Permanent Community-based Housing for Individuals Currently Diagnosed with a Mental Illness who are in a Nursing Facility, State of County Psychiatric Hospital or are Homeless:

This RFP is issued by DHS/DMHAS for the provision of Community Support Services (CSS) and community housing (unsupervised) to adult consumers age 18 and over being discharged from a NJ long term care or nursing facility (NF) or, with prior written DMHAS approval, persons being discharged from a State or County Psychiatric Hospital or persons experiencing homelessness. Total annualized funding for each award is \$525,950 subject to federal and State appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making up to fifteen (15) awards. DMHAS seeks to award 5 residences in each of the 3 regions. Each of the 15 residences will accommodate 3 individuals resulting in a minimum of 45 community housing placements served through this RFP, with up to 45 CSS consumers served.

Regions: North (Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Warren, Morris, Essex, Hudson); Central (Monmouth, Mercer, Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union); South (Ocean, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May).

RFP available at www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi/index.html on June 6, 2024. Submission Deadline: 4pm on July 19, 2024

Designated Screening Services Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Middlesex, Morris, and Somerset Counties:

This RFP is issued by the NJ DHS/DMHAS for the continued provision of Designated Screening Services (i.e., Psychiatric Emergency Services) for Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Middlesex, Morris, and Somerset Counties. The psychiatric emergency services programs awarded through this RFP shall offer services to persons who may be approaching or are experiencing a psychiatric crisis. Prompt assessment, crisis intervention and referrals services will be offered 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The program will also operate a 24-hour hotline, with calls being answered by trained clinical staff at all times.

Total annualized funding is \$10,672,570 subject to State appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making 1 award for each of these county-based service areas, resulting in 6 total awards.

Proposal is available at www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi/index.html on June 10, 2024.

Submission Deadline: 4pm on July 15, 2024

988 Mobile Crisis Outreach Response Teams – Essex/Hudson Counties:

This RFP is issued by the DHS/DMHAS for Mobile Crisis Outreach Response Teams (MCORT) to respond to adults (18 and above) in non-life-threatening situations who have contacted the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Total available annual funding, subject to State appropriations, is \$2,838,704. DMHAS will also fund one-time startup costs (for computers, phones, office furniture, vehicles, etc.). This funding will be used to support 11 MCORTs across Essex and Hudson counties in NJ. DMHAS will make 1 award. DMHAS intends for this program to provide Medicaid-funded MCORT services under Section 1947 of the US Social Security Act. RFP is available on May 22, 2024, at

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfpri/index.html.

Submission deadline: 4pm on July 1, 2024.

Residential Services for Individuals Discharged from Nursing Homes:

NJ DMHAS is issuing this Proposal (RFP) for A+ Level residential services per NJAC 10:37A. This initiative is for eligible individuals 18 years of age and older with medical needs. This funding will be provided to develop a Level A+ residential program for those with both a mental health diagnosis and medical needs, who have been discharged from a nursing facility and require assistance temporarily or permanently in order to live independently in the community. DMHAS anticipates making up to four (4) awards of \$420,000 each for five (5) beds each, to provide services to a statewide total of twenty (20) individuals in the following four (4) regions: Region 1 (NRO) Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Warren, Morris, Essex, Hudson; Region 2 (NRO) Hunterdon, Somerset, Union; Region 3 (CRO) (Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean); Region 4 (Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May).

Additionally, up to \$100,000 in one-time capital funding may be available for physical modifications to a site that is either purchased, owned, or in a long-term lease by the bidder.

RFP Available: April 3, 2024

Proposals Due: May 13, 2024, EXTENDED (until June???)

Award Announcements:

Crisis Diversion Homes

This is an RFP for the development of four (4) Crisis Diversion Homes (CDH). Crisis Diversion Homes will serve individuals who have recently experienced a crisis and will prioritize referrals from Crisis Receiving Stabilization Centers (CRSC) and Mobile Crisis Outreach Response Teams (MCORT). The goal is to provide stabilization, to divert hospital admissions and reduce emergency department (ED) visits. Available Funding: Total average annualized DMHAS funding for each award through a cost-reimbursement contract is \$692,429. The total projected contract ceiling per home is not to exceed \$1,211,750 over the entire initiative, beginning February 15, 2004, through September 30, 2025. There will be four (4) awards. One in each of the following counties: 1. Morris 2. Mercer or Monmouth 3. Warren or Hunterdon 4.

Gloucester

Award Notifications:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>County to be Served</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>
Center for Family Services	Warren	\$1,211,750
Legacy Treatment Services	Mercer	\$1,211,750
Legacy Treatment Services	Gloucester	\$1,211,750

COMMUNICATIONS: –

There were no communications this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

- The September Board of Trustees meeting will be in person.
- The Board shared Mr. Tim Gallagher's announcement that he is resigning from the Board of Trustees. The Board thanked Mr. Gallagher for his service.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Mr. Frangipane, father of a patient recently transferred to Ann Klein, raised concerns about three issues:
 1. Timely treatment: Father says son sustained a fractured wrist after assault by another patient; received immediate care for his injury but evaluation by orthopedic surgeon was delayed. Staff attributes that to transportation complications. Staff emphasized they could not discuss detailed information re. patient's condition/treatment, publicly, because of HIPPA rules.
 2. Contraband in the Raycroft Complex: The Raycroft complex now has metal Detectors and bag scanners in place. Staff who either don't comply with using the metal detectors and bag scanners or are found to be bringing in contraband, are subject to disciplinary action.
 3. Air conditioning: Son complained about excessive heat in the unit. TPH has portable chillers outside the Raycroft Complex. Repairs are being made to the present air conditioning system.

Administration response to questions about adequacy of staff preparedness for assaults:

- Units are managed by Nursing Supervisors and Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON), Program Coordinators and Complex Administrators.
- Annual education is required for all staff Re: de-escalation and patient management and safety.
- The Violence Prevention Committee works diligently to assess assaults and to implement strategies to reduce their occurrence.

PRESENTATION: Social work Department presentation on: Programming /CEPP: see attachment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., in-person.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Kwoka
Assistant Secretarial 3 to the CEO
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Carolyn Torre RN, MA, APN, FAANP
Chairperson

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Board Presentation
June 2024; Social Se