

**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, September 21, 2023**, 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.

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	<b><u>Excused:</u></b>
***Carolyn Torre - RN, MA, APN Chairperson ***Patricia Carr-Vice Chairperson ***Neil Weisfeld, Esq. ***Maureen Lebel – MSW, PhD. ***Dr. Mark Rosenberg – DO, MBA, FACEP, FAAHPM ***Timothy Gallagher – Director of HSP Law Enforcement Representative ***Thomas Pyle – MBA, MS (PSYR), NAMI Board Member (Past President)	Susan Rubino, MD

**TPH Staff Attendance:**

Maria Christensen, CEO; Intikhab Ahmad, M.D., Clinical Director; James Hollen, Deputy Chief Executive Officer -Operations (DCEO); Faith Johnson – Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Clinical); Julie Van Houten, Chief Nursing Officer; Timothy Loesch, Raycroft Complex Administrator; Towana Wilkins, Business Manager; Sheila Kwoka – Secretary to the Board of Trustees

**Guest:**

Mary Jean Weston, MSW, DMHAS-Regional Coordinator, Office of Community Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, NJ Department of Human Services

**Excused:**

Margaret VanMater – Acting Qi Director; Michelle Senni – Executive Assistant to the CEO

**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 June 15, 2023, meeting was approved with no changes.

## **New Board Members:**

Three new members were welcomed to the Board: Dr. Mark Rosenberg, Timothy Gallagher, and Thomas Pyle. Dr. Rosenberg is an expert in Emergency Medicine; Mr. Gallagher is the state director of Human Services Police; Mr. Pyle is a NAMI Board Member and past President, and a long-time advocate for patients and families enduring mental illness.

Ms. Mary Jean Weston reported that this will be her last meeting, attending as a guest representative of the Office of Community Services (DMHAS) due to a heavy workload. Another individual will be selected to replace her. The Board expressed appreciation for her diligent service and informative reports.

## **BOARD REPORT:**

### **August Monthly Report:**

- Mr. Weisfeld remarked positively on the decreased number of Restraints from July.
- Mr. Weisfeld remarked positively on the decrease in assaults in the Month of August. Dr. Ahmad noted that a single patient who had been a source of a very high number of assaults was transferred to Ancora; this is reflected in the diminution in assaults.
- Mr. Weisfeld noticed a significant decline in participation in evening programming. Ms. Johnson addressed this with the Board: TPH has lost rehab staff, but TPH is hiring more staff to increase the programming. The Lincoln Treatment Mall programming will be increased starting in October.
- Mr. Weisfeld asked about the Nursing Grant and the revisions. Ms. VanHouten told the Board that the 1<sup>st</sup> planning meeting will address the revision and that a preceptorship is also going to be discussed as part of the Grant.
- Mr. Weisfeld asked about the outcome of the Patient Service Compliance Unit visit in August; TPH was found to be in compliance re. Staff deployment and therapeutic programming.
- Mr. Weisfeld commented on the POES (Physician Order Entry System). The Administration Discharge and Med Order goes live January 2024. POES will be going live on December 15, 2023. This is a “homegrown” system for data entry initiated at Ancora.
- Ms. Carr would like Ms. Sonja Myers to do a presentation to the Board about the Rehabilitation Department.

- Ms. Carr commented on the New Leaf Gardeners and their newly learned skills. Currently, different vendors have been vetted for a new irrigation system, and a new Green House; awaiting final estimations of installation costs.
- Ms. Carr commented on the Health Information Management discharge summary completion rate. The delinquency rate for chart completion was 7% in August.
- Dr. Lebel asked about Channel 1979, which is shown on every unit. It is an internal channel here at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. Sunday worship is broadcast on Channel 1979, as are some programs.
- Dr. Lebel asked about Rehab Programming and where it is being held. All programming is in the Lincoln Gym. One new group involves Adult Tricycles for patients to ride around the grounds. Other groups include a Walking Group and Yoga Groups for patients.
- Ms. Torre inquired about the Nursing Residency Program. The program is starting on August 10.
- Ms. Torre inquired about the new Insulin Pens; they will be used by between 30-50 diabetic patients. She also asked about the Wilson Sims Fall Scale; Ms. VanHouten will share a copy of the Wilson Sims Fall Scale with the Board.
- Ms. Torre noticed that hospital Infections on the rise; she asked that COVID status/statistics be included in the monthly Board report, going forward.
- Mr. Pyle inquired about the CEPP Status. How long do patients stay on CEPP Status? **Here is information on CEPP Patients:**

<b><u>Hospital Census</u></b>	<b>Number 306</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Total Pts on CEPP	61	19.93%
Total Pts. On CEPP w/ D/C Date	1	1.64%
Pts on CEPP greater than 120 days	47	77.05%
Pts on CEPP less than 120 days	14	22.95%
Pts. on CEPP 120-240 Days	9	14.75%
Pts. on CEPP 240-365 Days	7	11.48%
Pts. on CEPP 365-480 Days	4	6.56%
Pts. on CEPP 480-600 Days	9	14.75%
Pts. on CEPP 600-720 Days	1	1.64%
Pts. on CEPP 720+ Days	16	26.23%

#### **AUXILIARY REPORT:**

- None at this time

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Information contained in this report is sourced from material presented at the August 29, 2023, Violence Prevention Committee meeting, and monthly reports to the Board of Trustees.

Despite isolated peaks in acting out behaviors the rate of occurrence of these behaviors and resultant assaults and restraints appears to be stable or heading downward. Peaks are often a function of the level of acuity and a small number of volatile patients or outliers.

Comparative data for **year to date**: the number of assaults shows an increase over the last three years (2021=101, 2022=98, 2023=110). However, the assault rate per 1,000 patients in January 2020 was 10.12. In March 2023 that rate was 7.64. For July 55 incidents of assault occurred during the evening shift, 51 during the day and 3 overnight.

During July and August patient to patient assaults accounted for 58 percent of the total assaults.

Patient to staff assaults declined from 73 in May, to 66 in June and 47 in July and 44 in August.

Raycroft West One presented a decrease of eight assaults in July from the previous month with 10 of 21 assaults committed by a single patient. Drake West One demonstrated a 13 percent increase in July over June with 7 out of 10 assaults committed by a single patient. Overall, five patients committed 42 percent of assaults.

On average, thus far in 2023, 28 patients per month were assigned to one-to-one observation with 27 in July.

An average of 44 patients per month this year have required the use of restraints with 39 in July. For the first seven months of 2023 sixty percent of restraints were applied in the Lincoln Complex with 80 percent in July. (The Lazarus unit accounted for 60 percent of that.) During August 2023, restraints were applied in 38 instances, with 5 outlier patients requiring 3 or more restraints.

During July 62 percent of restraints were applied during the evening shift, 31 percent during the day shift and 8 percent overnight. Of those to whom restraints were applied 51 percent were between 21 and 30 years old, and 38 percent were 31-45.

This year to date, 70 percent of physical restraints were applied to female patients, with 64 percent in July. The total duration of restraint for July, 54 hours, is down from the previous months, 60.8 hours with four outliers reported.

The use of long-acting injectable medications and Clozaril have remained stable through the first seven months of 2023.

During June one incident was classified as A+, 3 during July and 4 during August 2023.

The use of R&R was discontinued in April 2023.

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

- I. BILLS AFFECTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:**

- The Committee continues to monitor the following bills. **Actions taken since the Committee's last report appear in boldface (thus).**

- **A5096/S3511:**

- Corrects terminology regarding alcohol use and substance use disorder

- Sponsors: Assembly reps. Benjie E. Wimberly (D), Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D), Anthony S. Verrelli (D); Senators Vin Gopal (D), Brian D. Stack (D)

- Approved by Assembly Health Committee 11-0 on March 9. Passed by the Assembly 71-2 on May 25. Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee June 1. **Approved by Senate Health Committee 8-0 on June 15. Passed by the Senate 37-0 on June 20. Amended version passed by the Assembly 76-2 on June 30.**

- **A2764/S1068:**

- Increases Medicaid reimbursement for certain evidence-based mental health services

- Sponsors: Assembly reps. Sterley S. Stanley (D), Sadaf F. Jaffer (D), Daniel R. Benson (D); Senators Joseph F. Vitale (D), Vin Gopal (D)

- Approved by Assembly Human Services Committee 9-0 on February 9, referred to Assembly Health Committee. Referred to Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee January 31 (2022).

- **A4275/S3461:**  
Establishes ombudsman for mental health and addiction services  
Sponsors: Assembly reps. Angela V. McKnight (D), Benjie E. Wimberly (D), Daniel R. Benson (D); Senator James Beach (D)  
Approved by Assembly Health Committee 12-0 on February 13, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee. Referred to Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee January 12.
- **A4615/S1153:**  
Requires state to help develop graduate medical education programs in behavioral health care  
Sponsors: Assembly reps. Louis D. Greenwald (D), Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D), Ellen J. Park (D)  
Approved by Assembly Higher Education Committee 12-0 on February 13, approved by Assembly Appropriations Committee 10-0 on February 23, passed by the Assembly 78-0 on February 27. Referred to Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee February 28. **Approved by the Senate committee 8-0 on May 11.**
- **A4755/S3261:**  
Permits behavioral and mental health providers to operate in homeless shelters  
Sponsors: Assembly reps. Yvonne Lopez (D), William F. Moen (D), Shanique Speight (D); Senator Renee C. Burgess (D)  
Approved by Assembly Housing Committee 6-0 on October 13, approved by Assembly Human Services Committee 9-0 on December 8, passed by the Assembly 77-0 on December 15. Approved by the Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee 8-0 on January 19. Amended version passed by the Senate 36-0 on March 20. Amended version passed by the Assembly 74-0 on March 30. Signed by the Governor May 15, P.L. 2023, ch. 62.
- **A3514/S704:**  
Prohibits mental health professionals from disclosing mental health notes to health insurers  
Sponsors: Assembly reps. Clinton Calabrese (D), Angelica M. Jimenez (D), Reginald W. Atkins (D); Senators Richard J. Codey (D), Anthony M. Bucco (R)  
Approved by Senate Commerce Committee 4-0 on May 16 (2022), passed by the Senate 38-0 on June 16 (2022). Referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee June 16 (2022).

- **A508/S2668:**  
Establishes annual cost-of-living adjustment for mental health, substance use disorder, and developmental disability services  
Sponsors: Assembly reps. Daniel R. Benson (D), Carol A. Murphy (D); Senators Linda R. Greenstein (D), Joseph F. Vitale (D), Vin Gopal (D)  
Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee January 11 (2022). Approved by Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee 7-0 on October 6, referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- **A1700/S524:**  
Creates mental health diversion program to divert eligible persons from criminal justice system  
Sponsors: Assembly reps. Annette Quijano (D), Raj Mukherji (D), Reginald W. Atkins (D); Senators M. Teresa Ruiz (D), Sandra B. Cunningham (D)  
Approved by Assembly Judiciary Committee 4-0 on September 29, referred to Assembly Human Services Committee. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee January 11 (2022). **Approved by Senate Judiciary Committee 7-0 and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on June 12. Transferred to Assembly Judiciary Committee and approved by it 3-0 and referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 15. Approved by Assembly Appropriations Committee 7-3 on June 22. Passed by the Senate 21-15 on June 30. Passed by the Assembly 45-28 on June 30.**
- **A1924/S3031:**  
Mandates reimbursement of mental health treatment for domestic violence by health insurers  
Sponsors: Assembly reps. Lisa Swain (D), Daniel R. Benson (D); Senators Vin Gopal (D), M. Teresa Ruiz (D)  
Referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee January 11 (2022). Referred to Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee September 22.
- **A4604/S682:**  
Mandates suicide prevention training for mental health practitioners  
Sponsors: Assembly rep. Kevin J. Rooney (R); Senators Anthony M. Bucco (R), Vin Gopal (D)  
Referred to Assembly Health Committee September 22. Referred to Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee January 11 (2022).



- **A4540/S1153:**  
Mandates mental health evaluation of all adult and juvenile animal cruelty offenders ("Shyanne's Law")  
Sponsors: Assembly rep. Angelica M. Jimenez (D); Senator Joseph F. Vitale (D)  
Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee September 22.  
Referred to Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee January 31 (2022).
  
- **A4618/S3122:**  
Creates online job portal for behavioral health care workers and online externship and internship portal for health care students  
Sponsors: Assembly reps. Roy Freiman (D), Carol A. Murphy (D), Louis D. Greenwald (D); Senator Andrew Zwicker (D)  
Approved by Assembly Labor Committee 9-0 on December 8, approved by Assembly Appropriations Committee 10-0 on February 23, passed by the Assembly 78-0 on February 27. Referred to Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee February 28. **Approved by the Senate committee 8-0 on May 11.**
  
- **A1336/S1965:**  
Creates Behavioral Mental Health Advisory Board in Department of Human Services  
Sponsors: Assembly reps. Gabriela M. Mosquera (D), Gary S. Schaer (D), Pamela R. Lampitt (D); Senator Kristin M. Corrado (R)  
Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee January 11 (2022). Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee March 3 (2022).
  
- **A2286/S1522:**  
Eases practice restrictions for advanced practice nurses  
Sponsors: Assembly reps. Nancy F. Munoz (R), Mila M. Jasey (D), William W. Spearman (D); Senators Joseph F. Vitale (D), Troy Singleton (D)  
Referred to Assembly Health Committee February 7 (2022). Approved by Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee 7-0 on December 15.

- **A2875/S528:**  
Creates Behavioral Health Services Task Force  
Sponsors: Assembly rep. Daniel R. Benson (D); Senator Joseph F. Vitale (D)  
Referred to Assembly Health Committee February 28 (2022). Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee January 31 (2022).
- **A1847/S255:**  
Allows diversion from criminal prosecution of some people affected by mental illness  
Sponsors: Assembly rep. Ellen J. Park (D); Senators Shirley K. Turner (D), Brian P. Stack (D)  
Referred to Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee January 11 (2022). Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee January 11 (2022).
- **A1950/S1950: [!]**  
Includes substance use disorder among conditions sometimes justifying involuntary commitment  
Sponsors: Assembly reps. Raj Mukherji (D), Gabriela M. Mosquera (D), Angelica M. Jimenez (D); Senator Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez (D)  
Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee January 11 (2022). Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee March 3 (2022).
- **A3675/S3574:**  
Creates START pilot program for people with dual diagnoses  
Sponsors: Assembly reps. Anthony S. Verrelli (D), Raj Mukherji (D), Daniel R. Benson (D); Senator Jean Stanfield (R)  
Approved by Assembly Human Services Committee 9-0 on June 9, referred to Assembly Health Committee. Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee February 9.
- **A3750/S143:**  
Enhances suicide prevention and treatment  
Sponsors: Assembly reps. Kim Eulner (R), Marilyn Piperno (R); Senators Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr. (D), Linda R. Greenstein (D)  
Referred to Assembly Health Committee May 2. Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee January 11 (2022).

- **A4604/S682:**

Mandates suicide prevention training for mental health practitioners

Sponsors: Assembly rep. Kevin J. Rooney (R); Senators Anthony M. Bucco (R), Vin Gopal (D)

Referred to Assembly Health Committee September 22. Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee January 11 (2022).

- **A5283/S3939:**

Requires professional licensing boards to adhere to national averages in processing licensure applications

Sponsors: Assembly representatives P. Christopher Tully (D), Gabriela M. Mosquera (D), and Louis D. Greenwald (D); Senator Joseph A. Lagana (D)

Referred to Assembly Labor Committee March 9, approved by the Committee 9-0 on March 23. **Referred to Senate Commerce Committee June 8.**

- **A4619/S3596:**

Makes temporary health profession licenses, as established during the COVID pandemic, a permanent option

Sponsors: Assembly representatives Herb Conaway, Jr. (D), Sterley S. Stanley (D), and Louis D. Greenwald (D); Senator Fred H. Madden, Jr. (D)

Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee September 22 (2022), approved by the Committee 5-0 on January 12. Referred to Senate Commerce Committee February 13.

- **II. ADDITIONAL BILLS AFFECTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:**

The Committee has added the following bills to the list of those it is monitoring.

- **A5182/S3929:**

Revises requirements for involuntary commitment for mental health treatment, allowing for court orders to extend the commitment period beyond 72 hours

Sponsors: Assembly representatives Pamela R. Lampitt (D) and Raj Mukherji (D) and Senators Joseph F. Vitale (D), Nicholas P. Scutari (D), Reginald W. Atkins (D), and John F. McKeon (D)

Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee February 13. Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee June 5.

Transferred to Assembly Judiciary Committee and approved by it 5-0 and referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee June 15. Approved by Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee 7-1 on June 15.

Transferred to Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee and approved by it 5-0 on June 22. Approved by Assembly Budget Committee 14-0 on June 27. Approved by Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee 12-0 on June 27. Passed by the Senate 36-1 on June 30. Passed by the Assembly 76-1 on June 30. Signed by the Governor August 16, P.L. 2023, c. 139.

- **A5600/S4007:**

Establishes right to mental health care for people who are deaf or hard of hearing

Sponsors: Assembly representatives Pamela R. Lampitt (D), Carol A. Murphy (D), and Angela V. McKnight (D) and Senator Linda R. Greenstein (D)

Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee June 15. Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee June 26.

- **III. NOTE ON OTHER DEVELOPMENTS:**

Elections to all 40 state Senate seats and all 80 Assembly seats will be held November 7. Senator Richard J. Codey, former Acting Governor and former Senate President and a leading advocate of mental health care is retiring from the Senate.

- **Schulley Trading Post – Mr. Weisfeld:**

- The Schulley Trading Post is set to reopen on September 25, 2023.
- The Schulley Trading Post has been remodeled.
- Looking for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor to handle Credit Card Purchases.
- The Schulley Trading Post will be open for Board members to tour at the end of the Board meeting.
- The proceeds from the Trading Post and the Boutique both contribute to the Welfare Budget

- **Therapeutic Environment Committee – Ms. Patricia Carr**
  - There is no report currently. Will have a report in October.

- **Welfare Fund – Ms. Torre**

The Welfare fund budget is at \$47, 250.00. Expenses since June totaled \$23,768.46. The hospital has had special events/concerts involving bands which have brought the balance down.

**Report from Ms. Mary Jean Weston, MSW, Regional Coordinator  
Office of Community Services, Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS)  
(July & August, 2023)**

**1. DMHAS SFY24 Update:**

- a. Support of Patients in County Psychiatric Hospitals (State Aid) - \$13 million  
Funding for the 4 County hospitals (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Union) to cover higher per diem rates.
- b. Mental Health Professionals Capacity Expansion Initiatives - \$120 thousand  
Fully funds costs for 4 Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowships. The Legislature added \$800K to DMHAS Budget in FY23. This funding ensures slot availability and ultimately, enhanced capacity to serve youth suffering from mental illness.
- c. New Olmstead Placements - \$2.7 million State; \$800 thousand Federal Medicaid = \$3.5 million total  
Provides funding for new community-based supportive housing placements. Continues Division's investment in integrated community-based living for clients discharged from psychiatric hospitals and nursing facilities, and those at risk of hospitalization, consistent with the US Supreme Court's Olmstead decision.

**2. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual DMHAS Suicide Prevention Conference:**

October 19, 2023 - Save the Date Flyer (attached). Registration information pending.

**3. Human Services Commissioner Announces Launch of [StopOverdoses](#) Website:**

Website lists pharmacies in NJ offering free Naloxone. Anyone 14 years or older can acquire naloxone anonymously at these locations.

**4. LGBTQIA+ Resources:**

- a. [Pride Center of New Jersey](#) – Support network that allows people to live their lives to the fullest. Support, educational tools, health, and educational resources. Many activities are in person but some virtual programming and a newsletter.
- b. [www.njgaylife.com](http://www.njgaylife.com) – The official website for the LGBT+ community in NJ – Information about organizations, activities, community news, LGBT-owned and LGBT-friendly businesses, etc.
- c. [Babs Siperstein Proud Center](#) - Provides compassionate and comprehensive, culturally competent healthcare to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and asexual (LGBTQIA) community.
- d. For Youth (see attached)
- e. [CenterLink - the Community of LGBTQ Centers](#)

**5. Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey ([www.NJCARES.gov](http://www.NJCARES.gov))**

Link to several Training Seminars re: Opioid Abuse: [Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day](#)

## **6. Racial Inequality in Receipt of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder:**

A recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine reported on racial disparities in addiction treatment, including the new finding that White patients received medication for opioid use disorder (OUD) up to 80% more frequently than Black patients and up to 25% more frequently than Hispanic patients, according to a [new study](#) led by researchers at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Dartmouth College.

## **7. Harm Reduction Expansion Rules:**

Harm reduction expansion rules have been filed with Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and are in effect. The rules and application form can be viewed at <https://www.nj.gov/health/hivstdtb/hrc/>. A 60-day comment period will commence when OAL posts the rules in the NJ Register, which is anticipated on July 17. If you have any questions about the rules or application process, Contact Michele Calvo at [michele.calvo@doh.nj.gov](mailto:michele.calvo@doh.nj.gov) or email [hrc@doh.nj.gov](mailto:hrc@doh.nj.gov).

## **8. RFPs from DMHAS:**

- a. Outpatient Services for Older Adults - outpatient service for individuals with a serious mental illness (SMI), who are 55 and older. One award of approximately \$200,000 each in Northern, Central and Southern Regions.
- b. Funding for Disaster Response Crisis Counseling (DRCC) programs to address the shortage of Disaster Response Crisis Counselors State-wide. Funding for up to one grant per county is available.

More Information on these funding opportunities and other RFPs is available at: <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/provider/funding/>

**COMMUNICATIONS:** – There were no communications this month.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business currently

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None currently

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – There were no comments from the public.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in person at TPH.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carolyn Torre RN, MA, APN, FAANP  
Chairperson

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### **Dr. Ahmad's report from the Violence Prevention Committee: Summary:**

Violence Prevention Committee (VPC) meets once a month or every other month to review data. The data is analyzed for all complexes and units and trends are followed up. Feedback is obtained from teams and discussed in the meetings. In addition, VPC also evaluates data for each shift, weekdays vs weekends. The high acuity patients are discussed with High Acuity Review Panel (HARP) twice a week.

In addition, the Clinical Director's office reviews cases with teams in CRTs and meets with teams to discuss treatment plans in clinical reviews. TPH has been receiving higher percentage of forensic patients over last year or so (40-50% of the total TPH population). These patients contribute to an increase in violence at the hospital. In order to decrease violence at TPH and address special forensic patient population, we (VPC) recommend a socialized unit for these patients, that is, a "Structured Treatment Unit" with a highly trained staff for this patient population.



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