

NEW JERSEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL
Minutes,
February 10, 2021, 10:00 am

This meeting was conducted exclusively through video teleconference and conference call:

Participants:

Phil Lubitz (Chair)	Darlema Bey (Vice Chair)		
John Tkacz	Wnifred Chain	Julia Barugel	Pat Matthews
Connie Greene	Lisa Negron	Kate Brace	Harry Coe
Damian Petino	Michele Madiou	Joe Gutstein	Barb Johnston
Suzanne Smith	Heather Simms	Diane Riley	Mark Kruszczyński
Nick Lioizzi	Thomas Pyle	Alice Garcia	Robin Weiss

DMHAS, CSOC, DDD, DMAHS & DoH Staff:

Jonathan Sabin	Nicholas Pecht	Francis Walker
Yunqing Li	Greg Woods	Paul Sullivan
Irina Stuchinsky	Rakisha Scott	Andrea Portovedo
Lisa Coney Fonville		

Guests:

Nina Smukuluvasky	Laura Richter	Rachel Morgan
Kurt Baker	Wendy Rodgers	

Planned Agenda*

- I. Roll Call/Administrative Issues/Correspondence Phil Lubitz**
- A. Quorum exceeded: 22 of 39 (56.4% attendance)
 - B. Minutes of February 10, 2021 meeting approved
- II. Managed Long Term Services & Supports (MLTSS) Program Irina Stuchinsky**
- A. Introduction.
 - B. See PowerPoint presentation, shared with BHPC
 - C. Q&A
 - 1. Q: Years ago there a Steering Committee for MLTSS, and if so was there any follow-up with it? A: Irina will look into that?
 - 2. Q: is there a way to do a deeper dive into the services provided more recently?
 - 3. Q: Number of people receiving MLTSS services and the types of services they typically receive. A: Greg W. and Irina S. will follow-up.
 - 4. Fully Integrated Duly Integrated Special Needs (FIDI)
- III. Medicaid 1115 Waiver: Background and Overview Greg Woods**
- A. See Slide “1115 Renewal Planning and Timeline”
 - B. NJ has comprehensive waiver since 2012
 - 1. Consolidated several authorities for several Medicaid policy areas (managed care, home and community based services, DDD, DCF and several other areas)

2. Approved for 5-year period and renewed in 2017. Renewed again and runs t June 2022. A renewal application is expected to be submitted for another five years. Deadline for submission is June 2021.
3. Several listening sessions were previously held to get public feedback.
4. In a few months a draft concept paper will be released on what we propose to send to US CMS, to get stakeholder input followed by public comment period. That feedback will be integrated into final proposal to be submitted in June 2021.

C. Q&A

1. Carve-in considerations.
2. Q: Would housing related expensed be included in the upcoming waiver application? A: Stay tuned, but if you think there are specific considerations please forward them to dmahs.cmwcomments@dhs.state.nj.us

IV. Overview of Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Paul Sullivan

- A. PDFs sent to the Council
- B. Paul Sullivan, PACE Program Coordinator, DHS
- C. PACE program has six sites
 1. Atlantic, Hudson, Mercer, Camden, Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem, Monmouth
 2. Eligibility 55 yrs. and older and must be able to live safely in community, must meet nursing level care, live in service area,
 3. Similar to an adult medical daycare.
 4. Overview of physical sites
 5. Staffing: Medical & nursing staff, occupational therapy, dietary, recreation, etc.
 - a. Interdisciplinary Teams (IDT)
 6. Approval process
 - a. Review of letters of intent
 - b. 18 -24 months for process
 - c. Go to website for existing programs:
<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/pace/>
 7. Q&A
 1. Q: Eligibility questions for family members.
 2. Q: Geographic eligibility questions. A: Consumer must be in specific zip code in service area listed on promotional literature.
 3. Q: How are PACE centers operating during pandemic? A: Only consumers coming into for specific appointments are coming to PACE centers
 4. Comment (B. Johnston):” These are wonderful programs...about 30% of PACE consumers have behavioral health needs”

V. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Advocacy Subcommittee
 1. Met 1/10/21, will meet again today at 12:00 noon
 2. Cultural Competency
 3. Before pandemic a draft letter was composed for Assistant Commissioner to advocate for the promulgation of the Eight

Dimensions of Wellness (Dr. Peggy Swarbrick, UBHC)

V. State Partners Involvement (Phil Lubitz)

- A. NJ Children's System of Care (Nick Pecht)
 - 1. CSOC, in collaboration with DOE, is holding its second statewide virtual Town Hall on 2/11/21 to provide educators with information about CSOC, the services CSOC provides to youth and families, and how those services can be accessed.
 - 2. DCF's Office of Resilience has released the NJ ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Action Plan. The link to the press conference is: <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562021/20210204a.shtml>
 - 3. Mr. Pecht looks forward to speaking more about the NJ ACEs Action Plan at the next meeting; the plan can be found here: https://www.nj.gov/dcf/documents/NJ.ACEs.Action.Plan.2021.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3ThL21FgSkrSuV_Jsy0P6RZI7YqlcDdsfi6r7VbkXmK5d1ud5wII42iek
- B. NJ Department of Corrections
- C. NJ Department of Education (Damian Petino)
- D. NJ Supportive Housing Association (Diane Riley)
 - 1. Capacity Building Grant, NJ Div. of Disability Services: 18 month, Bergen, Camden and Ocean Counties, people with disabilities to evaluate what true integration would look like
- E. NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities; No updates
- F. NJ Division on Aging/Senior Services (P. Matthews) No updates
- G. NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (F. Walker): No updates
- H. NJ Juvenile Justice Commission (Alice Garcia)
 - 1. 70 inmates were released due to Covid19
 - 2. Staff and residents hit hard by Covid, but no residents hospitalized due to Covid
 - 3. Clinical staff are back two days per week
 - 4. 70 residents were all referred to CSOC and if the consumers are over age 21 they are referred to R-UBHC

VI. Open Public Comment & Adjournment (Phil Lubitz)

- A. Mainstream Treatment and Addiction Act (Tonia Ahern), a much more comprehensive bill that will be reintroduced into the US House of Representatives next week. There is a letter of support.
- B. Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women (D. Bey): Summary of findings of abuse of inmates at hands of correction officials.
- C. NAMI –NJ: training given for people on “How to tell your story in an impactful way”, March 1, 2021, registration, www.NamiNJ.org
- D. Next General meeting of the Council is March 10, 2021, at 10:00 am
Microsoft Teams meeting: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
Or call in (audio only): [+1 609-300-7196](tel:+16093007196),282920166# PhoneConf. ID: 282 920 166#
- E. Meeting Adjourned

Subcommittee Meetings

9:30
12:00

None
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