

NEW JERSEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

February 8 2023, 10:00 am

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Participants:

Darlema Bey (Chair)	John Tkacz	Winifred Chain	Krista Connelly
Damian Petino	Julia Barugel	Suzanne Smith	Jennifer Rutberg
Harry Coe	Michael Ippoliti	Robin Weiss	Amanda Kolacy
Heather Simms	Joe Gutstein	Diane Riley	Filomena DiNuzzo
Chris Morrison	Michelle Madiou	Heather Simms	Tracy Maksel
Donna Migliorino	Connue Greene		

DMHAS, CSOC, DDD, DMAHS & DoH Staff:

Yunqing Li	Nicholas Pecht	Brittany Thorne	Jonathan Sabin
Suzanne Borys	Mark Kruszczyński		

Guests:

Rachel Morgan	Bernadette Moore	Nina Smuklawsky
Anne Smullen-Theiling		

I. Administrative Issues/Correspondence (Darlema Bey)

- A. Attendance, 22/35, 62.8% attendance, quorum reached
- B. Minutes of January 2023 General Meeting Approved
- C. Correspondence
- D. Nominations Committee Darlema Bey
 - 1. Julia Barugel
 - 2. Other Nominations: None
 - 3. Results: Julia Barugel is elected to position of Vice-Chair of Planning Council, with a term that lasts until 6/30/23.
- E. Contacts: At request of Council MK will send out survey to members of Council to see if members would like for their emails to be available to the members of the Council.

II. Review of By-Laws

- A. [See by-laws dated October 2014]
- B. Comments:

1. Can word “consumer” be changed to reflect “person receiving services”.
2. State plan is found at:
<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/publications/federal/FY%202020-21%20SAPT%20CMHS%20Block%20Grant%20Application%20Plan.pdf>
3. [Welcome To WebBGAS \(samhsa.gov\)](#). The credentials are: Username: CitizenNJ
 Password: citizen

III. Technical Assistance

- A. Topics:
- Block Grant 101
 - Councils Role
 - Effective Advocacy by the Council
 - Strategies to increase diversity among council membership
 - Strategies to recruit families of children with SED
 - Orientation Manual

IV. System Partner Updates Chairs of Subcommittees

- A. Dept of Education (D. Petino and M. Ingram):
1. School based mental health webinars:
 - a. <https://homeroom5.doe.state.nj.us/events/details.php?t=2;recid=40676> 2/15/23,2:00 – 3:00.
 - b. Announcement of Grant from US DOE regarding school based mental health
<https://www.nj.gov/education/news/2023/NJDOEReives14MillionFederalGranttoSupportYouthMentalHealthEfforts.pdf>
 - c. Broadcast from DoE regarding psychiatric clearance. Announcement expected later today: <https://www.nj.gov/education/broadcasts/>
 - d. <https://at4nj.org/>
- B. Children’s System of Care (Nick Pecht)
1. Upcoming presentations expected
 2. Question: Would CSOC presentations be welcomed by the council? A: Yes!
- C. DDD (Jonathan Sabin):
1. A wage increase for direct support professionals (DSPs) and supervisors was included in New Jersey’s FY2023 Appropriations Act. It will be implemented January 1st via increases to the fee-for-service reimbursement rates for many services.
 2. Reminders for Service Providers on the HCBS Settings Final Rule:
 - a. March 2023 remains the deadline for compliance with Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Settings Final Rule. Helpful information for Service Providers can be found here - <https://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/assets/documents/providers/DDD-Provider-Guide-to-HCBS-Settings-Rule-Final.pdf> - This guide assists service providers with information, best practices, and examples to assist in HCBS compliance.
 - b. Additional information can be found at the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services Statewide Transition Plan Website https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/info/hcbs_trans.html or at the

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3. State Medicaid eligibility issues associated with the April 1, 2023 deadline:

D. Division of Aging (Jennifer Rutberg)

1. Live online classes for seniors
2. Claris tablets being distributed to improve access to the internet for those 60 yrs and older. Accessed via County Office on Aging. Technical support is available. Very "senior friendly" hardware, software and packaging.
3. <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/resources/cntrindlivindex.html>

E. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS), John Tkcaz

F. Department of Corrections (Krista.Connelly@doc.nj.gov)

1. Strict COVID-19 quarantine procedures still in place, but hopefully easing
2. Regarding Edna Mahan Facility, it will be closed. There are plans regarding a new location for the women but not publically available yet.
3. Solicitation for ideas for presentation from Dept. of Corrections.
4. Possible presentation on Medication Assisted (substance use disorder) Treatment (MAT)

V. Open Public Comment and Announcements Darlema Bey

- A. NJ SAMHSA Grantee CCBHC Lead Measures YE 6/20 3 & YE 6/21 and Family Satisfaction Survey (Agg. Results - Ancora, Ann Klein, Greystone, Trenton) e-mail joe@joegutstein.com
- B. BRT Crisis Intervention Training. NJ is the third state in the nation. We are receiving technical assistance from Delaware.

VI. Adjournment Darlema Bey

- A. Next meeting: 3/8/23

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B. Future Agenda Items

1. Request for update on 988 program
2. April 2023: Assisted Technology & How it Can Benefit Mental Health Concerns
3. Request for content from Dept. of Corrections.

March 2023 Subcommittee Meetings

9:00 TBA

12:00 TBA