

NEW JERSEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

May 10, 10:00 am

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Notices of the meeting were sent to the Asbury Park Press, The Times (Trenton), Bergen Record, The Press (Pleasantville), and the Courier-Post (Cherry Hill).

Participants:

Darlema Bey (Chair)	John Tkacz	Winifred Chain	Maurice Ingram
Julia Barugel	Suzanne Smith	Jennifer Rutberg	Harry Coe
Amanda Kolacy	Heather Simms	Joe Gutstein	Filomena DiNuzzo
Michelle Madiou	Connie Greene	David Moore	Francis Walker
Heather Reid	Irina Stuchinsky	Kurt Baker	Nancy Edouard
Shelley Weiss	Shenal Pugh	Sucharitha Reddy	

DMHAS, CSOC, DDD, DMAHS & DoH Staff:

Nicholas Pecht	Brittany Thorne	Jonathan Sabin	Helen Staton
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Guests:

Rachel Morgan	Bernadette Moore	Yamaris Figueroa
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I. Administrative Issues/Correspondence (Darlema Bey)

- A. Attendance, 23/35, 65.7% attendance, quorum reached
- B. Minutes of April 2023 General Meeting Approved
- C. Correspondence
- D. Nominations Committee Darlema Bey
 - 1. Connie Greene-Nominated for vice chair
 - 2. Elections will be done in the subcommittee meeting before the next BHPC

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
 - Mark-is possible to send out instructions on how to get to this particular portion on webBGAS. Print out and email to council.

III. Technical Assistance

- A. Requested 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 (M. Ingram):
 1. Awarded a grant
 - a. 5/31/23-Statewide training for any educator at Camden County Community College.
6/1-6/2/23- Rutgers training
 - b. <https://www.nj.gov/education/broadcasts/2023/may/3/StatewideTrainingsonEnhancingMentalHealthServicesforStudents.pdf>
 - c. Project website includes info session <https://ccsmh.rutgers.edu/njdoe/>
 - d. Project is 3 years long
- B. Children's System of Care (Nick Pecht)
 1. Children's System of Care make Community Resource Development funds available to all Care Management Organizations on an annual basis.
 2. This year, have awarded nearly 950,000 dollars to fund 21 different programs across the state.
- C. DDD (Jonathan Sabin):
 1. On April 3, 2023, Governor Murphy released Executive Order 325. The release of this order affected the following high-risk congregate settings funded by the Division: Licensed Community Residences for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD); Certified Day Programs for Individuals with IDD; and Support Coordination Agency Staff
 2. Executive Order 325 removed the following State COVID-19 vaccination mandates: Requirement that staff working in covered settings be up to-date with their COVID-19 vaccinations; and Requirement that staff who received a qualified medical or religious exemption from COVID-19 vaccination be tested once or twice weekly for COVID-19
 - a. If you need additional details, please review Residential, Day Program, and Support Coordinator COVID-19 Policy at <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-residential-and-day-program-screening-policy.pdf>
 - b. Reminder - The Federal Public Health Emergency will end on May 11, 2023
3. Self-Directed Employee Mandatory Training Requirement

- a. The Division's Waiver Programs have requirements around staff training. These requirements are mandatory and apply to Direct Support Professionals and Self-Directed Employees (SDEs). These requirements are outlined in Appendix E of the Supports Program and Community Care Program Manuals and are found at the links below.

- b. Supports Program -

- <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/assets/documents/supports-program-policy-manual.pdf>

- c. Community Care Program

- <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/community-care-program-policy-manual.pdf>

- 4. Fiscal Intermediary Update

- a. In 2016, the Department of Human Services (DHS) contracted with Public Partnerships, LLC (PPL) to provide fiscal intermediary services for three self-directed programs. These programs previously had separate contracts and vendors. The current fiscal intermediary contract ends in November 2023

- b. After reviewing operation of the consolidated contract, DHS has determined that program needs are best served through a different procurement approach. DHS will be re-procuring these services in three ways:

- i. DMAHS/Medicaid (Personal Preference Program) - Service provision will shift to managed care organizations (MCOs). Each MCO will provide or contract for fiscal intermediary services according to specific requirements defined and monitored by DMAHS.
 - ii. Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agent - DHS will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the operation of this program
 - iii. Division of Aging Services (DoAS) Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC) - DHS will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the operation of this program

- D. Division of Aging (Jennifer Rutberg)

- 1. Live online classes for seniors
 - 2. Overview about aging services, program guide online
 - 3. [Aging.nj.gov](https://www.nj.gov/aging)

- 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. Burlington County Children Services playing movie “My Sister Liv” on suicide prevention at 3 different locations

B. <https://thelivproject.org/>

VI. Adjournment Darlema Bey

A. Next meeting: 6/14/23

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B. Future Agenda Items

1. SAMHSA Grant

June 2023 Subcommittee Meetings

9:00	Nominations
9:30	Block Grant
12:00	Membership