

NEW JERSEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

September 13, 10:00 am

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Participants:

Darlema Bey (Chair)	Connie.Greene (Vice Chair)	Michael Ippoliti	Harry Coe
Ann Marie Flory	Jennifer Rutberg	Francis Walker	Julia Barugel
Tracy Maksel	Heather Simms	Donna Migliorino	Jonathan Sabin
John Tkacz	Suzanne Smith	Krista Connelly	Winifred Chain
Joseph Gutstein	Maurice Ingram	Robin Weiss	Robert DePlatt

DMHAS, CSOC, DDD, DMAHS & DoH Staff:

Wyndee Davis	Brittany Thorne	Helen Staton	Yunqing Li
Mark Kruszczyński	Suzanne Borys	Barbara Ferrick	Nancy Edouard

Guests:

Nancy Edouard	Nina Smuklasky	Mark Williams	Joe Cuffari
Michael Litterer	Eric McIntyre	Elena Kravitz	

I. Administrative Issues/Correspondence (Darlema Bey)

- A. Attendance, 20/35, 57.1% attendance, quorum exceeded.
- B. Minutes of September 2023 General Meeting Approved
- C. Upcoming Technical Assistance (TA) from SAMHA/Advocates for Human Potential
 - 1. Review of issues including: Roles and Responsibilities, Creating a diverse membership, Meeting protocols, etc.

II. Quality Improvement Plan: RWJ/Barnabas Health Institute For Prevention and Recovery (Michael Litterer, RWJ/Barnabas Institute for Recovery)

- A. Presentation shared via PowerPoint and previously sent to BHPC ListSERV

III. Community Mental Health Block Grant Fiscal Overview (Morris Friedman)

- A. Not presented due to unexpected scheduling conflicts with the DMHAS Fiscal Office
- B. Review of WebBGAS login. <https://bgas.samhsa.gov/> Username: citizennj, Password: citizen

IV. System Partner Updates

A. Children's System of Care (Wyndee Davis)

1. The DREAMS initiative that occurred during the 2021-2022 school year will return for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. This is a collaboration between DOE & DCF to bring "Nurtured Heart"/ trauma informed care approach in schools through training and mentoring by local partners.
3. School staff champions will be trained as trainers to provide for sustainability of the initiative.
4. This is funded with ARP funds and will operate for three years.
5. 48 School districts will be participating this year.
6. For more information : SafeSupportiveSchools@doe.nj.gov

B. DDD (Jonathan Sabin):

1. On August 8, 2023, the Division released updated policy manuals for its Community Care Program and Supports Program.
 - i. Changes can be found here –
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/assets/documents/community-care-program-policy-manual.pdf> &
<https://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/assets/documents/supports-program-policy-manual.pdf>
 - ii. Page two of each manual contains a summary of changes.
2. As you may be aware, the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) offers individuals the option to self-direct some or all their services through one of two self-directed service models: Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agent (VF/EA) or Agency with Choice (ACW). The state contracts with a financial management service provider/fiscal intermediary to administer each of these models, and the contract with the fiscal intermediary for the VF/EA model (Public Partnerships LLC) is ending. This requires the state to begin the process of re-procuring financial management services for the VF/EA model. To meet this requirement, DDD, within the NJ Department of Human Services, issued the following on August 14, 2023:
 - i. NOFA -
https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/nofa/NOFAfiles/NOFA_FINAL.pdf
 - ii. RFP -
https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi/RFPfiles/DD%20FI-VFEA%20RFP_FINAL.pdf
3. The primary purpose of the Emergency Capacity Services Programs (ECS) Programs is to provide community residential/day supports for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who are in need of immediate services due to homelessness or other emergent circumstances.
 - i. On August 30, 2023, the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) issued an RFP (Found here
<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi/RFPfiles/ECS%20RFP.pdf>

- ii. Through this RFP, two or more providers (which may include the currently-contracted providers who apply) will be awarded funding to operate eight existing Emergency Capacity Services (ECS) Programs.

C. Division of Aging (Jennifer Rutberg)

- 1. New funding for counties to increase number of participants and increase funding to county offices. JACK – Need nursing home level of care, not on Medicaid, to access see county office on aging.
- 2. For further questions contact Jennifer.Rutberg@dhs.nj.gov
- 3. Ocean county Caregiver Coalition: www.OceanCareGivers.com
- 4. Copies of PowerPoint materials previously shared by Division of Aging are available on request

D. Division of Juvenile Justice Commission (Francis Walker, Philomena DiNuzzo)

- 1. New staffing/leadership at JJC, information forthcoming

E. Department of education

- 1. Mental Health program, comprehensive Mental Health Resource guide. Free statewide training will be provided.
<https://ccsmh.rutgers.edu/njdoe/>

F. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRs). No presentation

G. Department of Corrections (K. Connelly)

- 1. The next Edna Mahan Correctional Facility Public Meeting is September 22 at 10:30am. The meeting can be accessed on the NJDOC homepage (state.nj.us/corrections) by clicking the banner link or using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/EMCFmeeting>. Questions can be submitted ahead of time at <https://bit.ly/EMCFsubmit>.
- 2. Link to Edna Mahan Correctional Facility Federal Monitor Reports: <https://www.state.nj.us/corrections/FederalMonitorReports/index.shtml>

V. Open Public Comment and Announcements Darlema Bey

A. Announcements

- 1. NAMI NJ Walk, Middlesex Community College, 10/14/23
- 2. DRNJ Conference Center of Mercer www.at4.nj.org

VI. Adjournment (11:44 am) Darlema Bey

A. Next meeting: 10/11/23

B. Future Agenda Items

- 1. 2024-2025 Community Mental Health and Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Block Grants, Fiscal Tables, (Morris F)
- 2. Quality Improvement Plan (QIP): (Connie Greene)
- 3. Steve Crimando (Disaster & Terrorism)
- 4. NJ Dept of Corrections: Criminal Justice System Overview, October 2023 (Krista Connelly)
- 5. NJ DoE Threat Assessment Protocols

- C. October 2023 Subcommittee Meetings
 9:30 Membership
 12:00 Advocacy