



Niagara County Community Services Board Agenda

Meeting Date & Time: Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm

1. Community Services Board (CSB) Meeting Call to Order
2. Meeting Minutes
 - A. *Approval of August 7, 2023 CSB Meeting Minutes
3. Membership:
 - A. Membership Review
4. Director's Report:
 - **Correspondence – Review by Director:**
 1. Letters, Memorandums & E-mails:
 - Correspondence listed on separate page, attached
 - ***Certificate of Need (CON) / Prior Approval Reviews (PAR)**
 - *CON – None
 - * EzPar – None
 - Informational –**
 - Niagara County Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services – Administrative Action Submitted on 9/14/23 to expand Niagara County Counseling & Wellness Services Lockport and Niagara Falls Clinic services to serve ages 5 and up.
 - September 19, 2023 Niagara County Legislative Meeting
 - Recognition to Orleans/Niagara BOCES Graphics Communication Program / Students who created bus bench and other graphic designs to increase public awareness of Niagara County Crisis Services for help with mental health and substance use concerns
 - Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation
 - Well Niagara App
 - *** 2022 2nd and 3rd Quarter Write Offs**
 - **2024 Proposed Department Budget**
 - **Corporate Compliance**
 - **Program/Systems Updates**
 - **President's Report**
 - **Adjournment**

Future CSB Meeting Date: TBD

***voting items**

Distributed Items at Tonight's Meeting:

- A. Agenda
- B. *CSB Draft Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2023
- C. *2022 Write-Offs
- D. 2024 Proposed Budget
- E. Current 2023 CSB Membership Roster

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Correspondence Listing, Agenda Item 4-1 - Director's Report
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- A. Niagara County Community Services Board Meeting Notices:
 - 1. Niagara County Community Services Board Monday, October 16, 2023 Meeting Notice - dated, October 4, 2023.
 - 2. Notifications to two County Newspapers regarding October 16, 2023 Meeting scheduling Notice - dated, October 4, 2023.
- B. Correspondence from Desiree Wlodarek, to CSB Subcommittee Members, dated April 7, 2023, regarding resignation from subcommittee.
- C. Correspondence from Dena Holmes, Director, Bureau of Certification, NYS OASAS, to Jacqueline West, CEO, Buffalo Beacon Corporation d/b/a Beacon Center, dated August 22, 2023, regarding Operating Certificate #26011256, PRU #7330 renewal.
- D. Correspondence from Dena Holmes, Director, Bureau of Certification, NYS OASAS, to Brandy Vandermark-Murray, President and CEO, Horizon Health Services, Inc., dated August 15, 2023, regarding amended Operating Certificate #250110814, PRU #51197.
- E. Prior Consult - Recovery Center of Niagara, request to increase capacity.
- F. Correspondence from Kylee Criscione, LCSW, CASAC, Director of Adult Community Services, NYS Office of Mental Health, WNY Field Office, to Niagara County Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, dated August 31, 2023, Regarding approval for the use of Telehealth as an optional/additional services.
- G. Correspondence from Burt Marshall, President, Niagara County Community Services Board, to Brandy Vandermark-Murray, LMHC, CASAC, President, Horizon Health Services, dated August 14, 2023, regarding support for inclusion in the State's CCBHC demonstration project.
- H. Correspondence from Dena Holmes, Director, Bureau of Certification, NYS OASAS, to Erin DiGirolamo, CEO, Horizon Health Services, Inc., dated September 25, 2023, regarding amended Operating Certificate #250311662, PRU #52194.
- I. Correspondence from Dena Holmes, Director, Bureau of Certification, NYS OASAS, to Erin DiGirolamo, CEO, Horizon Health Services, Inc., dated September 25, 2023, 2023, regarding amended Operating Certificate #250310814, PRU #51197.
- J. Correspondence from Dena Holmes, Director, Bureau of Certification, NYS OASAS, to Erin DiGirolamo, CEO, Horizon Health Services, Inc., dated September 25, 2023, 2023, regarding amended Operating Certificate #250310812, PRU #50029.
- K. Correspondence from Dena Holmes, Director, Bureau of Certification, NYS OASAS, to Erin DiGirolamo, CEO, Horizon Health Services, Inc., dated September 25, 2023, 2023, regarding amended Operating Certificate #250310811, PRU #50031.
- L. Correspondence from Avi Israel, President, Save the Michaels of the World, Inc., to Laura Kelemen, Director, dated September 19, 2023, regarding PATH contract expiration/exit from contract.

- M. Correspondence from Katie Merrill, Director, Rehabilitation Services Unit, NYS Office of Mental Health, to Robyn Krueger, Community Missions, dated September 29, 2023, regarding Niagara Visions PROS ARPA funding.
- N. Correspondence from Katie Merrill, Director, Rehabilitation Services Unit, NYS Office of Mental Health, to Maureen Wendt, The Dale Association, dated September 29, 2023, regarding The Dale Association PROS ARPA funding.

Newspaper Articles:

1. Buffalo News, "Might legalization ease the overdose crisis?" by Megan McArdle, dated August 3, 2023.
2. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "Managers in place at Clearview Treatment, dated August 3, 2023.
3. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "The opioid crisis can't wait", dated August 3, 2023
4. Buffalo News, "ECMC'Ss psych unit targets staffing after probe by state", by Jon Harris, dated August 7, 2023.
5. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "To improve mental health, build the workforce", by William T. Gettman Jr., dated August 10, 2023.
6. In Good Health, "Men Die of overdoses 2-3 times more than women", by Deborah Sergeant, dated August 2023.
7. Buffalo News, "US suicides hit an all-time high in 2022", by Mike Stobbe, dated August 14, 2023.
8. Buffalo News, "Welcome changes at ECMC", dated August 14, 2023.
9. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "Depression is not a normal part of aging", by Maureen Wendt, dated August 22, 2023.
10. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "MY summer with the MHA in Niagara County", by Mariana Shultz, dated August 28, 2023.
11. Buffalo News, "Highmark Partnership means fewer hospitalizations" by Andrea J. Wanat, dated August 28, 2023.
12. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "Lockport overdoses awareness day rally slated", dated August 28, 2023.
13. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "Overdose awareness day: a time for reflection and support", by Jennifer Burdo, dated August 28, 2023.
14. "Spectrum Health's East Buffalo Counseling Center 'Open for Business,' Providing 'Walk-In' Services".
15. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "Annual overdose awareness day rally held in Lockport", by Benjamin Joe, dated 9/12/23.
16. Buffalo Healthy Living, "September is suicide prevention awareness month", by Bry Lin Hospital, dated 9/2023.
17. Lockport Union Sun & Journal, "Prayer service raises awareness on mental illness", dated 10/2/23.