



# Niagara County Community Services Board Agenda

Meeting Date & Time: Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm

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1. Community Services Board (CSB) Meeting Call to Order
2. Meeting Minutes
  - A. \*Approval of June 27, 2022 CSB Meeting Minutes
  - B. Review of the June 16, 2022 Subcommittee Planning Meeting Minutes
3. Membership Committee:
  - 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 – Prior Consult** – Save the Michaels (STM) – 1A Prior Consult 820 Residential Reintegration Program, 12 male beds Newfane, NY
  
    - \* **EzPar** - none
  
    - Informational** – Dale Association – move of Article 31 Outpatient Mental Health program to 89B River Road, North Tonawanda, NY
  - **2021 HCBS Annual Report**
  - **2021 Department Annual Report**
  - **Corporate Compliance**
  - **Program/Systems Updates**
    - Opioid Settlement Fund Planning
    - September Suicide Prevention Month Activities
    - Transportation/Rural Niagara Update
  - **President's Report**
    - Executive Session
  - **Adjournment**

Future CSB Meeting Date: September 19, 2022

## **\*voting items**

Distributed Items at Tonight's Meeting:

- A. Agenda
- B. \*CSB Draft Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2022 Meeting
- C. Current 2022 CSB Membership Roster
- D. 2021 Department Annual Report
- E. 2021 HCBS Annual Report
- F. 2023 Proposed Budget

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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, August 8, 2022 Meeting Notice - dated, July 29, 2022.
2. Notifications to two County Newspapers regarding August 8, 2022 Meeting Notice - dated, July 28, 2022.
3. Correspondence from Gina Bae, Director, Bureau of Inspection and Certification, NYS Office of Mental Health, to Laura Kelemen, Director, dated June 27, 2022, regarding Niagara County Counseling and Wellness Services Operating Certificates.
4. Correspondence to Ellen Hardy, Director Region 1, New York State OPWDD, from Laura Kelemen, Director, dated June 28, 2022, regarding support letter for People Inc. capacity increase at 724 Park Place, Niagara Falls, NY.
5. Correspondence to NYS Office of Mental Health, from Laura Kelemen, Director, dated June 29, 2022, regarding letter of support for Mental Health Association in Niagara County's grant application to expand its Respite Program through the NYS OMH Mental Health Block Grant.
6. Correspondence to Maureen Wendt, President and CEO, The Dale Association, from Gina Bae, Director, Bureau of Inspection and Certification, NYS Office of Mental Health, dated June 22, 2022, regarding support for providing Telehealth services.
7. Correspondence to Robin Krueger, President and CEO, Community Missions, Inc., from Laura Kelemen, Director, dated June 29, 2022, regarding support of Community Missions, Inc. involvement with DePaul's plan to construct and operate a seventy-two (72) unit apartment complex called Granary Apartments.
8. Correspondence to Sarah Taylor, COO Community Programs, New Directions Youth and Family Services, from Laura Kelemen, Director, dated June 28, 2022, regarding support for the agency's application for funding through the Community Supports for Children and Families OMH Block Grant.
9. Correspondence to Megan Lostracco-Reed, Senior Director, Clinic & Care Coordination Programs, Monsignor Carr Institute Catholic Charities of Buffalo, from Laura Kelemen, Director, dated June 29, 2022, regarding support of Catholic Charities Monsignor Carr Institute's application for Treatment Supports for Children and Families Mental Health Block Grant funding.
10. Correspondence to Nicole Sloatsky, Deputy Director, NYS OMH WNY Field Office, from Laura Kelemen, Director, dated June 29, 2022, regarding NCDMH's support for Spectrum Health and Human Services Niagara Assertive Community Treatment Program Guidelines Waiver for Psychiatric coverage request.
11. Correspondence to Megan Henry, Program Manager, Family Peer Support Services, Hillside Children's Center, from Laura Kelemen, Director, dated June 29, 2022,

regarding NCDMH's support for Hillside's application to the NYS Office of Mental Health – Community Supports for Non-Profit Entities for Children and Families with Significant Needs Block Grant.

12. Correspondence to Gretchen Szymanski, Director of Clinical Services, Child & Family Services of Buffalo, from Laura Kelemen, Director, dated June 29, 2022, regarding CSB support for EZPAR application #3389 to establish Youth ACT Program.
13. Correspondence to Rebecca Wydysh, Chairman, Niagara County Legislature and Jesse Gooch, Legislator and Chairman of Community Services Committee, from Laura Kelemen, Director, dated June 28, 2022, regarding appointment of Richard Abbott to the Community Services Board.
14. Correspondence to Mr. Keith McCarthy, Associate Commissioner, Office of Addiction Services and Supports, from Dr. John Syracuse, Supervisor, Richard Coleman, Deputy Supervisor, Councilwoman Laura Rutland, Councilwoman Susan Neidlinger all of the Town of Newfane, dated June 22, 2022, regarding support of the Recovery Center of Niagara's application as a new provider for Part 818 and 816.7 services.
15. Correspondence from Jean Sadowy, NYS Office of Mental Health to Laura Kelemen, Director and Myrla Gibbons-Doxey, Deputy Director, dated July 12, 2022, regarding letter of concern for lack of children's services in Niagara County.
16. Correspondence to All BHSAC members, from Avi Israel, President, Save the Michaels of the World, Inc., dated July 14, 2022, regarding Niagara Recovery's application.
17. NCDMH Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) with Implementation Timetable.
18. Correspondence from Pat Lincourt, Associate Commissioner, Addiction Treatment and Recovery, NYS Office of Addiction Services and Support, to Laura Kelemen, Director, dated July 28, 2022, regarding NCDMH designated to provide Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST).
19. Correspondence from Janet Paloski, Director, Bureau of Certification, NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports, to Laura Kelemen, Director, dated July 26, 2022, regarding NCDMH clinics renewal of operating certificates.
20. Correspondence from Janet Paloski, Director, Bureau of Certification, NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports, to Ms. Rosamond Siegwarth, President, dated August 2, 2022, regarding deferring Recovery of Niagara, LLC application to the September 22, 2022 meeting.

Newspaper Articles:

- Business of Health Care, “From the brink of closure to open and filling new needs” by Jon Harris, dated July 7, 2022
- Business of Health Care, “Spectrum Health CEO retiring after 54-year career” by Jon Harris, received June 30, 2022
- Union Sun & Journal/Niagara Gazette, “New 988 hotline is for mental health emergencies” by Jenny Kaine, dated July 17, 2022
- New York state’s delays cause death by Avi Israel, received July 19, 2022
- Health Care, “New York allocates \$171 million statewide for mental health, substance use support” by Jon Harris, dated July 17, 2022
- Refresh Takes, “Crisis Services call impact grows with switch to 988” by Scott Scanlon, received July 25, 2022
- Our View, “Dialing in to help at 988” received July 25, 2022
- “County Legislature OKs \$10.6M opiate abuse plan” by Sandra Tan, received July 25, 2022
- Buffalo News, “Mental health crisis” by Mark Mulville, received August 3, 2022
- Buffalo News, “State funding aids plans for BestSelf city crisis center” by Mark Mulville, dated July 31, 2022