



Niagara County Community Services Board
 DRAFT Minutes – to be reviewed by CSB at next meeting
 Regular Meeting
 Date: Monday, May 16, 2022
 Time: 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Warren J. Rathke Public Safety Training Facility, 5574 Niagara Street Extension, Lockport, NY. This meeting also provided via Webex.

ATTENDANCE:	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Rosamond Siegwarth, Board President	X	
Burt Marshall, 1 st Board VP	X	
Robin Stevens, 2 nd Board VP		X
Peter Butera, PhD, Board Member	X-Webex	
Jaclyn Bieber, Board Member	X-Webex	
Robert Spuller, MSW, Board Member	X-Webex	
Thomas Gerbasi, MD, Board Member	X	
Candace Butcher, Board Member	X-Webex	
Ronald Barstys, PhD, Board Member	X-Webex	
Stephanie Donovan, Board Member	X	
Suzanne Diez, Board Member	X-Webex	
Annette Dobrasz, EdD, Board Member	X-Webex	
<u>Niagara County Mental Health Administration</u>		
Laura Kelemen, LCSW-R, NCDMH Director	X	
Myrla Gibbons Doxey, LMFT, NCDMH Deputy Director	X-Webex	
Lee Ann Cogar, Confidential Assistant	X	
<u>Guests</u>	X	
Donna DePola – Recovery Center of Niagara	X	
Anne McCaffrey, ENH President and CEO	X	
Ann Briody Petock – ENH Board Chair	X	
David Godfrey, NC Legislator/ENH Board Member	X	
Jennifer Stoll – Board of Directors	X	
Maralyn Militello – ENH Chief Nursing Officer	X	
Carolyn Moore, Public Relations - ENH	X	
Dr. James Ferington - ENH	X	
Marlon Thornton, Northpointe VP of Residential Services	X	
CJ Urlaub, President, Mt. St Mary’s Hospital	X	
Tom Greico – Mt. St Mary’s Hospital	X	
Deborah Schultz – Mt. St Mary’s Hospital	X	
Kristin Minervini, Cazenovia Recovery Director of Human Resources	X	
Avi Israel – Save the Michaels	X	
Jess Petty – Save the Michaels	X	
Larry Dormer	X	
Troy Barnes	X	
Bruce Barnes	X	
Jerry Fox	X	
Jeff Munger	X	

Darren Haight	X	
Bruce Maynard	X	
Aaron Updegrove	X	
D. DeVore	X	
Please see attached complete guest sign-in Sheet		

1) Rosamond Siegwarth, Board President, called the Community Services Board (CSB) Meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

2) The Minutes for the March 21, 2022 meeting were reviewed.

Burt Marshall motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Dr. Annette Dobrasz seconded the motion; the minutes were approved unanimously.

David Godfrey, Legislator and ENH Board Member spoke to the CSB regarding EMS response times and call types.

3) Membership Committee:

- CSB Membership – Prospective member meeting with Burt Marshall, LeeAnn Cogar to follow up with sending application.
- Subcommittee Membership

4) Director’s Report

- **Correspondence was reviewed by Laura Kelemen, Director.** – Of note, correspondence from Cazenovia Recovery to NYS OASAS regarding supported living apartments and the likely need to discontinue this service due to lack of viable funding through State. They are seeking immediate meeting with LGUs (Niagara/Erie) and NYS OASAS to discuss.
 - **Certificate of Need (CON) and Prior Approval (PAR)**
 - **CONs**
 - **Recovery Center of Niagara – PPD6** – Establish a Part 816 Supervised Detox program and Part 818 Inpatient Substance Abuse Treatment program at 6600 William Street in Newfane, NY. Deputy Director Gibbons-Doxey provided a PowerPoint summary of the application to the Board.
 - Part 816 will contain 15 beds, serving approximately 1100 persons annually, and provide withdrawal and stabilization services.
 - Part 818 will contain 25 beds, serving approximately 560 persons annually, providing inpatient rehabilitation services.

The following individuals made remarks to the Community Services Board regarding the Recovery Center of Niagara application:

Donna DePola, Recovery Center of Niagara – answered questions from the CSB regarding the proposal.

Ann Briody Petock, ENH Board Chair - Ms. Petock expressed her concerns regarding the timing of opening the proposed Newfane facility, indicating that a

fiscal or workforce decrease at ENH could impact ENHs functioning and disrupt needed emergency services to the community.

Anne McCaffrey, President and CEO of ENH - Ms. McCaffrey spoke of her workforce concerns. She stated that their staffing is currently stable, but expressed worry that all of ENHs services, including Emergency Room, could be in jeopardy if staff attrition occurs.

Maralyn Militello, Chief Nursing Officer, ENH - Ms. Militello discussed current staffing of ENH's programs and concerns related to staffing and filling open positions.

Marlon Thornton, Vice President of Detox and Residential Services, Northpointe - Mr. Thornton read a statement from Kristi Yerger, President and CEO.

Kristin Minervini, Director of Human Resources, Cazenovia Recovery - Ms. Minervini made a statement on behalf of Sue Bissonette who was unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

CJ Urlaub, President of Mt. St Mary's Hospital - Mr. Urlaub spoke of his staffing concerns and the anticipated impact if another program opened in Niagara County.

Avi Israel with Save the Michaels of the World - Mr. Israel reported data on the number of request for assistance from individuals in Western New York and discussed the need for additional treatment beds in our area.

Bruce Barnes - Mr. Barnes, lifelong Newfane resident, expressed that he was representing individuals from the Town of Newfane. Mr. Barnes expressed support for the program and that he is happy the old Newfane Hospital will again become a functioning business in the community.

At the request of the CSB, Ms. DePola, Recovery Center of Niagara, responded to the above remarks.

Burt Marshall motioned to support the CON as presented, Annette Dobrasz seconded the motion; roll call vote taken. (Burt Marshall - yes, Bob Spuller - yes, Dr. Peter Butera - yes, Jaclyn Bieber - yes, Candace Butcher - yes, Dr. Thomas Gerbasi - yes, Dr. Ron Barstys - yes, Stephanie Donovan - yes, Suzanne Diez - yes, Dr. Annette Dobrasz – yes) the Recovery Center of Niagara CON was passed unanimously.

- **Cazenovia Recovery Systems – OASAS Capital Application for Madonna House-** Deputy Director Gibbons-Doxey provided a PowerPoint summary of the application.
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Burt Marshall motioned to approve the CON as presented, Stephanie Donovan seconded the motion; the Cazenovia Recovery Systems CON was approved unanimously.

- **Cantalician Center/Empower – Change of Auspice for Day Habilitation Program** – Deputy Director Gibbons-Doxey provided a PowerPoint summary of the application(s). Auspice was originally transferred from Empower to Cantalician Center for Learning in 2020, but Empower continued to operate through a purchase of services agreement. At the time, there was a planned

merger between the two agencies. The merger is no longer occurring thus the transfer of auspice back to Empower. There will be no change to services.

Burt Marshall motioned to approve the CON as presented, Candace Butcher seconded the motion; the Cantalician Center/Empower CON was approved unanimously.

○ **Informational:**

- **Horizon Health Services Schedule C** – Update to OASAS Capital Project Funding Request Form to build Hillary’s House on Horizon Village Campus – Deputy Director Gibbons-Doxey provided a PowerPoint summary of the proposal. The campus currently lacks space to meet the need of intended scope of services. This project will provide increased square footage, accessible to staff and clients for services, trainings, events, and family visitation.
- **Corporate Compliance** – Presented by Myrla Gibbons-Doxey, Deputy Director. No compliance issues to report.
- **Programs / System Updates, provided by Director Kelemen.** Director Kelemen advised the Board, the department submitted a SAMHSA grant application that would allow the department to become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic; this grant would provide \$4,000,000 over a 4-year period to assist in accomplishing grant objectives.
- **Additional Agenda Items** – No additional items to report.

5) **President’s Report** - Rose would like to hold a discussion during a future meeting regarding workforce concerns (including salary) that have been raised and develop strategies or recommendations to NYS in order to impact this issue.

6) **Meeting Adjournment**

Burt Marshall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM; Dr. Thomas Gerbasi seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned.

Next CSB Meeting Date: June 20, 2022