

**Minutes of the  
Albany County Community Mental Health Board**

**Meeting Date:** Monday, August 3, 2020  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** County Commissioner's Room 525 Grande Ave #101 and Zoom

**1. Roll Call: Katrina Price; Briana Montoya; Jacob Edwards; Melissa Irvine; Dr. Carolyn Pepper; Chief Mike Samp; Chief Dale Stalder; Sheriff David O'Malley; Pete Gosar; Linda Devine; Jennifer Stone; Nikko Kleppinger; Tina Nirk; Mark Holder; Rachel Ratcliff; Heather Gallardo; Susan Lawler; Christin Covello; Joel Funk; Amy Terrell; and Peggy Trent.**

**2. Addition & Deletions to Agenda: None.**

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2020 Mental Health Board Meeting. The Board was in receipt of the minutes for the February 20, 2020 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2020 meeting by Sheriff David O'Malley and seconded by Amy Terrell. The board approved the minutes unanimously.

**4. Old Business:**

**a. Update from Peak Wellness for Gatekeeping or Intensive Care Coordinator Services and Quarterly Statistics for Peak Wellness.**

i. Christin Covell, Albany County Clinic Director for Peak Wellness Center introduced herself to the board as the new Director and inquired of the Board as to the type of statistics that the Board would be seeking from Peak Wellness. It was discussed that there is a need for statistics to provide insight to drive policy decisions for involuntary commitments as well as information to obtain funding through grants. Members discussed the need for the following information:

1. Number of monthly welfare checks conducted by law enforcement. This information would be gathered from Law Enforcement;
2. Number of monthly welfare checks that result in Emergency Detention. This information would be gathered from Law Enforcement;
3. Number of individuals detained monthly by ER of IMH. This information would be gathered by IMH ER;

4. Number of monthly detained individuals that Gatekeeper is contacted. This information would be gathered by Peak Wellness as the Gatekeeper;
  5. Number of monthly detentions upheld by IMH/BHS. This information would be gathered by IMH/BHS.
  6. Number of monthly detentions released within 24 hours; 48 hours; 72hours. This information would be gathered by IMH/BHS
  7. Number of monthly treatment meetings attended by Gatekeeper.
  8. Number of monthly detentions referred to Directed Outpatient Commitment Program. Prior to 109. At 109, After 109. At 110. This information would be gathered by Peak Wellness as the Gatekeeper
  9. Number of monthly detentions that meet the 5 criteria for Directed Outpatient Commitment Program. This information would be gathered by IMH?BHS
  10. Number of monthly detentions that have a dual diagnosis of substance abuse. This information would be gathered by IMH/BHS.
  11. Number of monthly detentions that result in 109 hearing. This information would be gathered by ACAO.
  12. Number of monthly detentions file for involuntary commitment. This information would be gathered by ACAO.
  13. Number of monthly detentions that result in 110 hearing. This information would be gathered by ACAO.
  14. Number of monthly detentions that are referred to WSH. This information would be gathered by ACAO.
  15. Number of monthly detentions who receive adult protection services. This information would be gathered by DFS.
  16. Number of monthly detentions who receive child protection services. This information would be gathered by DFS.
  17. Number of monthly detentions of individuals with mental illness or Title 7. This information would be gathered by ACSO.
- ii. Discussed securing a case management system for gathering data in one location. Melissa Irvine with ACAO will follow-up with Tyler Technologies and other software for collection of mental health data. Also, the gathering of statistics will assist in applying for future grants.

**b. Discussion of Submission of Grant for SAMHSA Assisted Outpatient Treatment Programs for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness.**

- i. Albany County was not awarded the SAMSHA grant. It was discussed utilizing the application as tool to revise the strategic plan for the MH Board. Peg Trent will inquire of Dr. Nunez meeting with the Board to update the strategic plan incorporating items from the SAMSHA grant.

**5. New Business:**

- a. **Appointment of new officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer.**
    - i. Chief Dale Stalder was appointed as Chairperson;
    - ii. Linda Devine was appointed to Vice-Chairperson; and
    - iii. Peg Trent was appointed to Secretary-Treasurer.
  - b. **Recruitment of Member from Albany County Chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).**
    - i. Peg Trent reported she contacted Sharon Kubichek who currently serves on Peak Wellness Board and will advise if she is interested. If not, Ginger Davis would be interested to serve on MH Board.
  - c. **Discussion of REAL program.**
    - i. Discussion of abstract contained in agenda packet relating to the REAL Program from Lincoln, Nebraska. Chief Stalder reported that he recently served on a panel discussion with Officer Luke Bonkiewicz with Lincoln, NE Police Department who implemented the evidence based REAL program. Essentially the program is a community-based, peer support program in which police officers and mental health workers collaboratively address citizens' mental health needs.
    - ii. The Board discussed exploring a peer support person who would be referred to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis in which law enforcement have contact. Some members expressed support but need more information; others suggested the use of case managers through the Directed Outpatient Commitment program. Chief Stalder will obtain more information and follow-up with the Board.
    - iii. Discussed standardization of informational packets provided to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. Chief Stalder will follow-up with others to ensure updated and report back at next Board meeting.
  - d. **Discussion of Involuntary Outpatient Commitment Program Protocols and Protocols for Stakeholders.**
    - i. Peg Trent reviewed with the Board the draft protocols for the Involuntary Outpatient Commitment Program. Some members were unaware of process and other members expressed concerns.
    - ii. It was recommended that subcommittee of the Board be formed and comprised of individuals from BHS; Peak Wellness; ACAO and Defense Attorney to review protocols and report back.
    - iii. Peg Trent requested that individual stakeholders need to also have protocols of process, but focus was on program protocols.
- 6. Next Meeting & Adjournment:**
- i. Next meeting set for Monday, September 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m
  - ii. Motion to adjourn by Sheriff David O'Malley and seconded by Peg Trent. Adjournment of the meeting was unanimous.