## COMMITTEE NAME: Adult Mental Health Practice Group

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<td>July 30, 2019</td>
<td>1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Mary Pat Angelini, MPA, CPS</td>
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### PRESENT: Mary Pat Angelini, Brenda Brown-Goggins, Michelle Carlamere, Mike D’Amico, Frank Ghinassi, Linda Gochfeld, Erika Kerber, Aaron Levitt, Jason Lippman, Jennifer Petro, Cydney Savage, Sherrie Smith, John Zukauskas

### VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Julie Drew, Frank Ghinassi, Stephanie Lin, Amanda Santana

### GUESTS: Suzanne Borys, EdD, Assistant Division Director, Research, Planning, Evaluation, Information Systems & Technology, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS); Charlotte Sadashige, CCBHC Data Manager, DMHAS

### STAFF: Shauna Moses, Debra Wentz

## AGENDA ITEMS

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<td>Approval of the Minutes from May 14, 2019 Meeting</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Sherrie Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Michelle Carlamere seconded the motion and the minutes were passed unanimously.</td>
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<td>Data on Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)</td>
<td>Charlotte Sadashige shared data from the CCBHCs’ first demonstration year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). She reported that 17,851 individuals were enrolled and approximately 59% of those in need entered treatment. Most of the service recipients (56%) have Medicaid and some also have Medicare. The majority of individuals have serious mental illnesses (SMI, 44.7%); the second largest cohort has co-occurring SMI and substance use disorders (SUDs, 41.6%); 10.2% have only SUDs. Nearly 78% of initial evaluations were completed within 10 business days of the first contact. Show rates have increased from 52% to 76%. Improvements were also achieved in access to integrated treatment and coordination of care.</td>
<td>To read more data in this presentation, click <a href="#">here</a>. Attendees were asked to share recommendations of other data and performance measures to collect. Suggestions can be sent to Suzanne Borys at <a href="mailto:Suzanne.Borys@dhs.nj.gov">Suzanne.Borys@dhs.nj.gov</a>.</td>
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### How NJAMHAA Can Best Engage Members

- The following feedback was shared:
  - Surveys should be sent in smaller parts of three to four questions each with the ability to respond to each question with a single click.
  - Emails about surveys should highlight the topic/survey in the subject line.

NJAMHAA will explore implementing these suggestions. Beginning after this meeting Shauna Moses, Mary Abrams and Board members

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| How NJAMHAA Can Best Engage Members (continued) | ▪ Promote how different services/organizations can/do work together to benefit the individuals they serve.  
▪ Highlight the Practice Groups in *Newswire*, NJAMHAA’s tri-weekly electronic newsletter.  
▪ Conduct focus groups of managers, supervisors and frontline staff from member organizations to identify what is important to them. (It was noted that these individuals may have different ideas and perspectives than their CEOs have.)  
▪ Create opportunities for similar providers to meet among themselves (e.g., CCBHCs have this and it’s helpful; the former Practice Group for Integrated Case Management Services [ICMS] directors and supervisors was valuable).  
▪ Conduct benchmarking, which is especially valuable for achieving clinical outcomes. | Members were encouraged to have additional staff receive *Newswire*, which features members’ news, in addition to providing timely information that impacts providers. For details, contact Shauna Moses, Vice President, Public Affairs and Member Services, at 609-838-5488, ext. 204, or smoses@njamhaa.org.  
NJAMHAA will explore the possibility of reinstating the ICMS Practice Group.  
NJAMHAA will explore partnering with Rutgers School of Health Professions on this initiative.  
Members were encouraged to join the Partners in Advocacy group. Information will be provided. | Ongoing  
This topic will be raised with the Executive Committee. [This was completed and discussions will continue.]  
Following this meeting  
Following this meeting [Click here for information.] | Members, Shauna Moses  
Agenda: Debra Wentz, Shauna Moses  
Debra Wentz, June Noto, Aaron Levitt  
Shauna Moses |
<p>| Legislative Updates | <em>State Legislation:</em> The FY2020 State Budget includes continuation of the $100 million for opioid use disorder treatment that was allocated in the FY2019 budget; continued rate increase for care management organizations; funding for wage increases for direct care professionals serving individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD); recurrence of the $500,000 from the FY2019 budget for the fee-for-service safety net; $9.5 million in state dollars plus a federal match to improve IDD services. <em>(continued)</em> | Members were strongly encouraged to respond to NJAMHAA’s advocacy alerts. | Ongoing | Members, Mary Abrams, Debra Wentz |</p>
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<td>Legislative Updates (continued)</td>
<td>The bills calling for expansion of Early Intervention Support Services (EISS; S1635/A2391 in the previous legislative session) and screening services (S1032/ A2389 in the previous legislative session) were referred to appropriations and are awaiting amendments from the Office of Legislative Services; a law was signed eliminating prior authorization for medication assisted treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries; the Senate passed a bill that would allow advanced practice nurses (APNs) to sign screening certificates; a bill creating recovery residences (A3607) was passed; medical marijuana expansion (A20) was signed into law, as well as a bill (S2244/A3292) requiring addiction warning labels on opioid packaging. A bill (S1961/A854) was introduced to eliminate joint protocols between APNs and psychiatrists. <strong>Federal:</strong> A two-year budget agreement was passed; funds are being borrowed to keep programs running. The Creating and Restoring Equal Access to Equivalent Samples (CREATES) Act of 2019 is being considered by the House Committee on the Judiciary.</td>
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<td>Standing Agenda Topics</td>
<td><strong>Behavioral Health Homes (BHHs):</strong> It was noted that BHHs need to serve the I/DD population, especially as they reach 18 years of age; they need meaningful out-of-home activities and they may need to begin contributing to the cost of their care. <strong>Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement:</strong> It was noted that as data entry about outcomes is burdensome, a “thermometer” tool was developed. It enables clients to indicate the best and worst things happening to them, and the responses help providers to easily assess clients’ functioning levels.</td>
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<td>Recommendations for Guest Speakers and Topics</td>
<td>It was suggested that Deborah Visconi, President and CEO, Bergen New Bridge Medical Center, be invited to present on the impact of a transforming culture on organizations’ bottom line. Other recommended topics are psychiatric care/case management and encouraging prescribers to continue prescribing medications for patients who are stable; and the Centers for Excellence at Rutgers and Rowan Universities.</td>
<td>The group agreed.</td>
<td>Invite after this meeting for the Sept. 24, 2019 meeting [This was completed.]</td>
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| Upcoming Events | Representatives from the Addictions, Mental Health and Prevention Technology Transfer Centers will present on the free training they offer during NJAMHAA’s next Membership Meeting. NJAMHAA’s Annual Fall Behavioral Healthcare Conference, Winning Innovations in Health Care, will be held on October 17, 2019 at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ. It will feature a keynote presentation on the opioid epidemic from a public health perspective by Joshua Sharfstein, MD, Director of the Bloomberg American Health Initiative, Vice Dean for Public Health Practice and Professor of the Practice in Health Policy and Management Community Engagement, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; and a plenary session on the impact of federal legislation and regulations on the availability of services by Chuck Ingoglia, MSW, President & CEO, National Council for Behavioral Healthcare. | Members are strongly encouraged to attend and to invite colleagues from their organizations and other NJAMHAA member agencies to attend. Click [here](#) for details on sponsorship, exhibiting and advertising opportunities and click [here](#) to details on the presenters. | September 25, 2019 | Members and Staff |

Next Membership Meeting: *Membership Meeting*: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ammon Analytical Laboratory, 35 E. Blanke St., Linden, NJ 07036

Next Practice Group Meeting: September 24, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at NJAMHAA