

ERIE COUNTY MENTAL HYGIENE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

March 6, 2025
Webex, 9:00am – 10:00am

COMMUNITY

SERVICES BOARD: Daniel Antonius, Victoria Brooks, Sharon Cavanaugh, Max Donatelli (Secretary), Emma Fabian, Pastor George Nicholas, Stephanie Orlando (Chair), Elizabeth Smith

MENTAL HEALTH

DEPARTMENT: John Grieco, Sarah Bonk, Shannon Stocker

GUEST: Amy Rockwood, Erie County Department of Mental Health Director of Planning and Evaluation

EXCUSED: Joan Baizer, Maya Hu Morabito, BJ Stasio (Vice Chair)

ABSENT: Terry Alford, Charles Syme

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
(a majority of the members of the Board)

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve February Minutes made and seconded, no discussion, all in favor, no one opposed, no abstentions.
- Vote resulted in February Minutes getting approved.

Department Updates:

- John introduced Sarah Bonk as the new ECDMH Commissioner.
- Crisis Continuum work is continuing.
- Department's main focus is tracking changes in federal landscape.

Chairperson Updates:

- Meeting attendance will be tracked more clearly.
- Data maintenance requirements due to Transparency Law being evaluated.

Discussion of Data Dashboard and Community Services Plan with Amy Rockwood:

- In 2025, we had 5 Priorities: Housing, Workforce, Diversion, Racial Equity and Diversity, and Reduce Overdose Deaths.
 - o Progress on individual priorities discussed.
- Erie Path continues to be departmental resource app to help individuals find information and services.
- ECDMH has a monthly training series that offer, targeted to providers. If any of you are interested in being a presenter, please let Amy know, we are always looking for presenters.
- The Local Services Plan (LSP) will continue to have a collaborative focus between the board and the department.

Subcommittee Updates:

- MH Subcommittee:
 - o Last meeting was January 13th. Minutes will be sent out.
 - o Next meeting will be March 10th.
- PASS Subcommittee (Elizabeth):
 - o Last meeting was February 27th. Minutes for September, October, January, and February will be sent out, but we did not have a quorum.
 - o We will be discussing attendance and getting recommitments.
 - o Horizon presented about relocation of their facilities in the Orchard Park area.
 - o Next meeting will be March 27th.
- I/DD Subcommittee (Max):
 - o Last meeting was January 16th. Minutes will be sent out.
 - o We talked about the recommendation not to go to managed care at this point, but there are some real serious concerns about the system.
 - o Max will send out information on their Whole System Reports that they have been involved in.
 - o Next meeting will be March 20th.

Open Discussion:

- We started and continue working on an OpEd. There are lots of concerns at the federal level.
- Concerns around lack of inclusion of DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) in funding.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, April 3, 2025, from 9:00-10:00am.

Max Donatelli, Secretary, Signature