



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2020
Teleconference Call

Present Council Members:

Lawrence McHugh, Chairperson; Lakisha Hyatt, CVH/Acting CEO; Lisa Zurolo, CVH/General Psychiatry Division Director; Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services; Lt. David Goodwin, Middletown Police Department; Celeste Cremin-Endes, RVS/CEO; Joseph Havileck, City of Middletown; Margaret O'Hagan-Lynch, CVH/Addiction Services Division Director; Phillip Pessina, Councilman

Absent/Excused Council Members:

Mehadin Arafeh, David Bauer; Joann Kiernan; Bennett Moehl, Rushford; Nancy Navarretta, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services; Ben Florsheim, Mayor; Lt David Goodwin

Call to Order: Larry McHugh called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00am

Approval of Minutes: A motion for the December 20, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Pessina and seconded by Dr. Havlicek to be accepted as submitted. All were in favor.

Topic	Discussion	Actions/Recommendations
Commissioners Update	<p><u>Updates from Commissioner Delphin-Rittmon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Governors order for COVID-19 has been activated for over a month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continuing to monitor PPE inventory and staffing needs. ○ Staff are recovering and returning back to work. ▪ Strategies to prevent spread of COVID-19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current hold on visitation in house. ○ Purchased iPhones to be used on the units for patients to talk with their family members via FaceTime. ○ Screening process implemented for staff and patients. ○ Continuous distribution of PPE to staff. ▪ Staff Challenges – New N95 masks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mask options are based on areas that staff are working in. 	
CVH Update	<p><u>Updates from Lakisha Hyatt, Acting CEO</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Citizenship Program Phase 2: Rollout has begun where every unit will have programing integrated into daily community meetings. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Unit Based b. Campus Based c. Community Based 2. Valley View Café reopened on February 10, 2020. 3. The Transitional Living Program (TLP) in General Psychiatry Division (GPD) transitioned to River Valley Services (RVS). 4. Hospital held a Martin Luther King (MLK) recognition program. 5. Continuing to closely monitor allegations of abuse and critical incidents. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Allegations have gone down by 75% in the past 6 months. b. Incidents have gone down by 40% in the past 6 months. 	

COVID-19 Management

1. Daily management calls to review current status of positive patients/staff, pui's, quarantine units and patient/staff out.
2. Isolation unit is being formed for COVID-19 positive patients.
 - c. Orientation is being developed by staff development department.
 - d. Unit will have 13 patient beds available.
 - e. Staff will consist of 1 ACS provider, Psychiatrist, RNS & MHAs.
 - f. Custodial staff will be working on day & evening shifts to ensure cleanliness and terminal cleaning, when needed.
 - g. PPE will be available on the unit.
3. There will be 100% of masks being worn in the clinical buildings.
4. All new and revised protocols will be uploaded to the S drive for quick reference for staff.
5. Currently, struggling with sustaining inventory of gowns and masks.
 - a. Staff are allowed to use their own mask by signing a hospital waiver.
 - b. Receiving donated masks from various organizations.
6. Middletown Medical Reserve Corp is helping with staffing on the weekends for staff screeners.
7. Fire academy is administering fit testing for staff to wear N95 masks.
8. Staff Support
 - a. Thank you signs posted in front of clinical buildings.
 - b. Blue lights on buildings'
 - c. Welcome coffee for staff.
9. Modifying Programming
 - a. Changing from 4 patients to 2 patients to keep proper social distancing.
 - b. Maximizing individual sessions.
 - c. Healing from Within (HFW) kits for individual engagement with patients.
10. Completed the conversion of non-essential staff to essential staff status.
11. Working on telemedicine options.

	<p>12. Working on video conferencing options for meetings.</p> <p>a. Probate courts was the first trial run for Microsoft teams.</p>	
Other Business	None.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:30am.	
Next Meeting	Friday, June 12, 2020 at 8:00am via teleconference call.	

Transcribed by: Andreesa Gidi