



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

**CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 11, 2020  
Teleconference Call**

**Present Council Members:**

Lawrence McHugh, Chairperson; Lakisha Hyatt, CVH/CEO; Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services; Margaret O'Hagan-Lynch, CVH/Addiction Services Division Director; David Bauer

**Absent/Excused Council Members:**

Celeste Cremin-Endes, RVS/CEO; Nancy Navarretta, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services; Lt. David Goodwin, Middletown Police Department; Joseph Havileck, City of Middletown; Ben Florsheim, Mayor; Phillip Pessina, Councilman; Gloria Dzerovych, Asst Division Director/GPD

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the June 12, 2020 meeting to be sent out for electronic vote approval.

Topic	Discussion	Responsible Person
<p><i>Commissioners Update</i></p>	<p><b><u>Updates from Commissioner Delphin-Rittmon</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ COVID-19 diagnosis are going down. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working with the Yale testing team and the office of the state comptroller to do 41796 tests; 12 positives. Infection rate: 0.24.</li> <li>○ Patients: 76 positives, most recovered and returned back to their unit.</li> <li>○ Staff: 112 positives, 108 recovered and returned back to work.</li> <li>○ Continued focus on testing for patients &amp; staff.</li> <li>○ Ongoing staff testing will occur with coordination with the office of the commissioner.</li> <li>○ Contact tracing.</li> <li>○ Giving staff more time and support to recover</li> <li>○ OPM giving staff more time off if tested onsite</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Reopening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reopening planning committees have been developed for each facility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Working on plans for visitation, screening and non-essential staff returning back to work.</li> <li>▪ Continuing with teleworking per governors’ order.</li> <li>▪ Modified bed capacity from 4 to a room to 1-2 to a room.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SAMSHA – 2 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increased mobile crisis and telehealth equipment.</li> <li>▪ Increased EAP support.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ FEMA – 680 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Working with the O’Donnell Group on mental health awareness services &amp; initiatives.</li> <li>▪ Working with DEEP to livestream wellness activities.</li> <li>▪ Opioid Crisis- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases in incidents and overdoses</li> <li>• DMHAS/ community providers are still available onsite and through telehealth.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Commissioner Delphin-Rittmon</p>
<p><i>CVH Update</i></p>	<p><b><u>Updates from Lakisha Hyatt, CEO</u></b></p>	<p>Ms. Lakisha Hyatt, CEO</p>

	<p><b><u>COVID-19 Management and Campus Use</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extensive screening and recording.</li> <li>2. Daily management calls to review current status of positive patients/staff, pui's, quarantine units and patient/staff out.</li> <li>3. Isolation unit has been opened with extensive training for staff.</li> <li>4. Programming       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Psychology staff has developed behavioral plans for 100% of patients.</li> <li>b. COVID training for staff (mandatory) and patients.</li> <li>c. Pandemic recover plan, recovery team.           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Strategies to returning to full capacity and expansion.</li> <li>ii. Enhancement of infection prevention team including the head of custodial services and the head of plant facilities.</li> <li>iii. Outside visitation has been reopened for all halls.</li> </ol> </li> <li>d. Clinical           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Decreased group session sizes (3-5 pts/staff combined) and utilizing individual sessions fostered a higher degree of engagement.</li> <li>ii. RSS doing daily patient satisfaction surveys to obtain feedback, concerns and/or suggestions on recovery plan.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reviewed by hospital leadership.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Staff Support       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Psychological first aid sessions in all clinical buildings for care providers.</li> <li>b. Staff that were out due to COVID, received a compassion letter from the ceo.</li> <li>c. Employee recognition committee offering virtual tovio services with healing from within kits for patients and staff.</li> <li>d. Community clean up in Middletown and Mums sale.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Safety       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cameras installed in all clinical buildings by end of next month.           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Random camera viewing.</li> <li>ii. Video review for investigations.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Commemoration of 9/11 at 10:15am</li> </ol>	
Other Business	None	

Next Meeting	Friday, December 11, 2020 at 8:00am via Microsoft TEAMS call.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:40am.	

*Transcribed by: Ashley Perry*