



STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
Microsoft TEAMS Call
April 29, 2022

Present Council Members:

Lawrence McHugh, Chairperson; Lakisha Hyatt, CVH/Chief Executive Officer; Nancy Navarretta, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services; Phillip Pessina, Councilman; Kevin Elak, Acting Director, Middletown Health Department; Celeste Cremin-Endes, RVS/Chief Executive Officer; David Bauer, Community member; Richard Davis, Deputy Chief, Middletown Police Department; Richard Bush, CVH Chief Operating Officer

Absent/Excused Council Members:

Joseph Conrad, Interim Addiction Services Division Representative; Edwin Renaud, Interim General Psychiatry Division Representative ; Lt. David Goodwin, Middletown Police Department;

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

Review of Minutes:

Topic	Discussion	Responsible Person
<i>Commissioners Update</i>	<u>Office of the Commission Updates</u> Opioid Settlement Bill All current and future money will go into a special account; DMHAS will need to go through an Advisory council for these monies. Commissioner Navarretta may be lead committee with no voting rights.	Ms. Nancy Navarretta, Commissioner

	• Language supports Municipalities. DMHAS has not gotten settlement yet. • Commissioner Navarretta is working with Chris McClure, newly hired Chief of Staff and Luiza Barnat is the opioid service director. BUDGET • Commissioner Navarretta has not received a copy of Budget • Commitment to mobile crisis response, which includes mobile crisis teams with hope of additional discharge dollars. COVID-19 Response • Currently 8 inpatient clients positive; 7 Southwest, 1 Blue Hill • 5 staff on inpatient unit- 1-CVH-GPD 1- CVH-Merritt Hill, 2 WFH, 1 Southwest • State vaccination mandates have expired. Federal CMS continues and is still active (Includes first and second shot only) RECRUITMENT • Vacancies at OOC continuing to fill • Chief of Staff position • Chief Operating Officer- Barbara Bugella retiring. • Shannon Wegele with takeover Safety Services and other administrative tasks. • Recruiting for Superintendent 2. Carol Meredith is retiring at the end of May. Position posted and will be filled. • Elsa Ward is the new Director of Recovery and Community Affairs DISCUSSION: Kevin Elak, Acting Director of Middletown Health Dept. welcomed Commissioner Navarretta. • Middletown is very interested in opioid settlement and is aggressively addressing opioid overdoses. Middletown has formed an	
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	Opioid Task force to include the Police Department, Fire Department and Luiza Barnat Middletown Chamber news • Booster shots in chamber today. • Narcan workshop occurred on Tuesday with approximately 75 businesses, 30 in person and 40 virtually. Businesses will purchase Narcan kits. Councilman Pessina- asked Commissioner Navarretta whatever comes out of PSRB language to include communication with the city of Middletown to notify of release or treatment in the community. Deputy Chief Richard Davis, thanked Celeste Cremin-Endes, RVS CEO for the help with the CIT program.	
<i>CVH Updates</i>	<u>Connecticut Valley Hospital Updates:</u> Ms. Hyatt thanked this committee for their continued support of CVH. Ms. Hyatt introduced CVH Chief Operating Officer, Richard Bush <u>COVID-19 Updates</u> • Patients: • 240 positive patients ---97% recovery rate • 80% vaccination rate • Employees: • 498 Positive Employees --99% recovery rate • Approximately 95% vaccination rate • Executive Order –Booster • Quarantine units: 2 out of 15. • Focus: masks required, handwashing and testing.	Ms. Hyatt, Chief Executive Officer/CVH

	<u>Treatment and Services Update</u> a. 1115 Waiver Demonstration- ❖ 4/14: federal funding for the first time to support substance use treatment in residential care facilities, maintain and enhance access to SUD services, and continue delivery system improvements to provide more coordinated and comprehensive treatment for beneficiaries with SUD ❖ 4/18 CVH met the requirements for certification ☐ 30 hours of active treatment- 50% by Masters Prepared clinician ☐ Five additional Recovery Support Specialists ☐ Enhanced Community Reintegration and Discharge ☐ Requirement for Clinical Supervision. • Virtual Treatment and Services • Enhanced Delivery of Co-occurring Services • Treatment and Services Patient Survey informing Services redesign • Psychological First Aid • Immediate response Team • PFA Competency for Leaders and supervisors • Unit Revitalization Project-Building Sprucing Vocational Services ☐ Expanded Vocational Preparation Resources CareerScope ☐ Expanding Structured Work Program _Yazbiz to be available to 209 patients Campus Engagement: • Increased Campus Community Engagement • National Day of Prayer-May 5, 2022; Patient Cemetery Service May 25, 2022 at 1pm • New employee orientation revitalization	
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	<u>Recruitment</u> <i>Leadership Recruitment</i> Richard Bush, Chief Operating Office Tammy Fazzino, Director of Nursing and Quality Assurance <i>Make Retention a Priority</i> CEO Culture of Safety listening sessions RN/MHA Mentor Program Managerial walk rounds Weekly Town Halls <u>Regulatory Certification and Accreditation Update</u> a) Joint Commission b) Centers for Medicare Medicaid Services c) WFH/CVH Legislative Task Force- DPH Licensure <u>Community Outreach and Connection</u> ☐ Ukraine Medical Supply Drive ☐ MARC of Middlesex ☐ Middletown Chamber of Commerce ☐ Middletown Rotary ☐ Middlesex United Way ☐ Middlesex Hospital- Streamlined ambulance use <u>Next Steps</u> ☐ Treatment and Services: Enhanced Integrative Services ☐ Rebuild Addiction Services Capacity amidst stringent quarantine requirements ☐ Campus Life: Enhances Culture of Safety ☐ Enhanced Community Connection CVH will be having the Patient Cemetery Remembrance Ceremony on May 25th @ 1:00pm and welcome the community to attend.	
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Other Business	Mr. McHugh has asked for clarity regarding SB450/PSRB bill- concerns from city regarding this bill. Mr. Bauer asked to send a list of members and their titles to committee members. Ms. Peterson will distribute before next meeting. Mr. Bauer hopes we can begin to meet in person for this meeting.	Mr. McHugh, Chairperson
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:40am.	
Next Meeting	Friday, June 10, 2022 at 8:00am via Microsoft Teams.	

Transcribed by: Susan Peterson