



## STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES Microsoft TEAMS Call June 29, 2022

#### **Present Council Members:**

Lawrence McHugh, Chairperson; Lakisha Hyatt, CVH/Chief Executive Officer; Nancy Navarretta, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services; Kevin Elak, Director, Middletown Health Department; Celeste Cremin-Endes, ; Richard Davis, Deputy Chief, Middletown Police Department; Richard Bush, CVH Chief Operating Officer; Joseph Conrad, Interim Addiction Services Division Representative; David Bauer, Community member; LT Dane Semper, Middletown Police Department

#### **Absent/Excused Council Members:**

Edwin Renaud, Interim General Psychiatry Division Representative; Lt. David Goodwin, Middletown Police Department; Phillip Pessina, Councilman;

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

**Review of Minutes:** April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

| Topic                       | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Responsible Person                    |
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| <i>Commissioners Update</i> | <b><u>Office of the Commission Updates</u></b><br><br><b>BUDGET</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Legislature added 3 million for mobile crisis. This is a priority to get this money out to community. An algorithm is used to disburse the money. The algorithm takes into account size of geographical area for disbursements.</li></ul> | Ms. Nancy Navarretta,<br>Commissioner |

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|                           | <p><b>INTEGRATED CARE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Navarretta recently attended a conference with Dr. Dike. The conference had 2 subject matters. Elsa Ward shared her personal story and how she was/was not supported.</li> </ul> <p><b>FACILITY MAINTINANCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Navarretta has a renewed focus on building maintenance. As the budget is in better shape, we want to show our patients we respect them and beautify the units. We will amp up repairs and review what big projects can be done. Prioritizing those working with OOC CFO and Chief of Staff, as well as, CEO's .</li> <li><b>COVID-19 Response-</b> DMHAS 3 inpatients positive and 10 staff positive</li> </ul> <p><b>RECRUITMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris McClure and Shannon Weagle are meeting with CEO's and Elsa Ward. In process of interviewing for the Superintendent 2 to oversee facilitates.</li> </ul> |                                        |
| <i><b>CVH Updates</b></i> | <p><b><u>Connecticut Valley Hospital Updates:</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Hyatt thanked this committee for their continued support of CVH.</p> <p>Ms. Hyatt attended a meeting at the Middletown Police Department regarding July 4 fireworks. This was a very informative and welcoming meeting.</p> <p>Thank you to Mr. Pessina for attending our National Day of Prayer on campus.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Ms. Hyatt, Chief Executive Officer/CVH |

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|  | <p>Congratulations to Kevin Elak in his now permanent role as the Middletown, Director of the Health Department.</p> <p>Thank you to Kevin and his department for all the work they have done during Covid with testing and immunizations.</p> <p><b><u>COVID-19 Updates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 260 positive patients ---all recovered except 6</li> <li>• 556 positive staff and 549 recovered.</li> <li>• 9 in quarantine</li> <li>• We have a high vaccination rate</li> <li>• CVH IP super team meets daily to reviews community rates and discuss adherence and changes to CDC guidelines.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>We currently have reviewed all 15 units for a punch list of needs and priorities for repairs. Battell building is main focus. We have a Battell sprucing projects meeting that meets regularly to discuss current projects and cleaning. We have begun deep cleaning/sprucing and are well under way with 3 units completed and 3 units to go.</p> <p>We are working on 10 virtual treatment spaces and beginning to introducing technology into units. We are working are collaborating with the Office of the Commissioner and out I.T. Department. Clients will have a space to go to and be able to participate in Integrated medicine Conferences. This will be completed by September 30, 2022</p> <p>Addictions Services Division is continuing with the 1115 waiver. Strengthening our ability with preauthorizations for withdrawal management. We are providing 30 hours of active treatment and 15 hours of master level</p> <p>Continuing to have a few off campus engagement activates as we can due to Covid protocol</p> |  |
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| <p><b><i>Discharge Data Status Report</i></b></p> | <p>We will offer summer concerts in July and August. Also have a remembrance ceremony for those we have lost during Covid and a mental health dance.</p> <p><b><u>Recruitment</u></b></p> <p>The nations at large is in dire need of nurses, as we are. We are collaborating with a community college with an onsite at job fair.</p> <p><b><u>Annual Discharge Data:</u></b> Jan – December</p> <p>We had 3 unmatched discharges and 2 successfully completed intensive rehab, the other one went to a short term residential facility.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Dr. Joseph Conrad,<br/>Addictions Services Division-<br/>Interim Division Director</p> |
| <p><b>Other Business</b></p>                      | <p>Keven Elak has been appointed to the permanent position as the Director of Middletown Health Department.</p> <p>Thank you to Middletown Police Departments support and attending these meetings.</p> <p>Mr. McHugh asked for feedback regarding a patient from the Department of Corrections that went AWOL and vandalized a store in downtown Middletown. Initially it was reported to be a CVH patient. It was not a CVH patient, Corrections houses patients on CVH Campus in conjunction with The Connection treatment center. Middletown Police department was immediately notified the person walked away from Campus and was able to apprehend the person.</p> <p>Ms. Hyatt notified the committee she has received several questions regarding our Hartford campus closing. It is a rumor with no facts to it. This was also shared with Commissioner Navarretta by someone from legislature that was concerned our Blue Hills campus was closing.</p> | <p>Mr. McHugh, Chairperson</p>                                                            |

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|                     | Mr. McHugh and Ms. Hyatt will meet to discuss available seats on this Advisory Board and a review of its members. It has been suggested to include someone in recovery to our board. |  |
| <b>Adjournment</b>  | Meeting adjourned at 8:35am.                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <b>Next Meeting</b> | Friday, September 9th, 2022 at 8:00am via Microsoft Teams.                                                                                                                           |  |

*Transcribed by: Susan Peterson*