

MHADA Board Minutes
Cape May County
September 14, 2021

In Attendance:

Thomas Dawson	Frank Garcia	Joe Faldetta	Deb Lukens
Pat Devaney	Majken Mechling	Peter Belasco	Tom Maletto
Amy Dindak	Pat Miller	Bridget Deficcio	Renee Pettit
Greg Speed	Judy Kunec	Donna Groome	Mary Dozier
Sharon Modzelewski			

Call to Order

A virtual meeting was held due to COVID -19.
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judy Kunec at 5:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting was made by Deb Lukens and seconded by Frank Garcia. Motion carried.

Reports and Correspondence

Mental Health: Amy Dindak's report is attached.

Addiction Services: Pat introduced Peter Belasco who is the new A&D Director for the county.
Welcome Peter!

GCADA: Reviewed GCADA explanation of the current funding of the Municipal Alliance Program and the DMHAS award to GCADA for \$1,050,000 through the SAMHSA Supplemental Block Grant funding. The award will be an annual grant for four years. The DMHAS funding will be awarded to the counties using the GCADA needs-based funding formula. It's anticipated the Counties will receive the allocation amounts and funding requirements this Fall.

Old Business

Membership: The MHADA Board is up to 12 members presently, although two terms are up in June 2022, so recruitment efforts are still underway.

Heroin Issue Update: Patrick Miler reported for Sueanne (see attached) . Joe reported that the Recovery High School has three youth enrolled with two more in the process. Joe also described the Prosecutor's summer camp program which used life skills and daily activities to encourage youth. Twenty-five youth participated and there are plans for "boosters" during the year.
The JAIL MAT grant's report is attached.

New Business

ACENDA: Bridget gave an update on the current status of Acenda's Outpatient (MH and Recovery) and Psychiatric services. Report is attached.

CASS Minutes: May 2021 Minutes were distributed for review. A motion was made by Tom Maletto and seconded by Frank Garcia to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

2021 Expenditures: Pat reported on the expenditures of the 2021 grant for substance use as of June. Spending continues to be low as most of the placements in detox and short term residential are Medicaid.

2022 Allocation: Pat reported that the 2022 allocation has been reduced by approximately 12,000 to 268,264. After much discussion, a motion was made by T. Maletto, seconded by Majken Mechling, that the following would be funded:

Admin: 67,000 (includes NARCAN purchase)

Detox 56,446

STR 4,000

HWH 30,600

Ed. 21,350

Rec Res 65,920

SJI 10,000

Prev 12,948

Motion carried. Pat and Peter will prepare the application accordingly.

Public Response

Safe Community Coalition: Rev. Tom Dawson reported on the events that the Safe Communities Coalition: 1) Community Walk was held on 8/10 in Wildwood which was attended by Attorney General. 200 people were in attendance 2) Unity in the Community was held at the County Park 200+ people attended. Music, food and school supply give-aways were available. 3) Approximately 1,000 bookbags were distributed at various County locations/events this summer. 3) A winter coat give-away is being planned.

CVAC: Greg Speed reported on a fundraiser in Stone Harbor last week which raised \$300 for homeless veterans. CVAC takes no administrative funding for its program. All funds are given to vets in need.

Resiliency: Joe Faldetta reported on the following resiliency trainings which occurred this summer: Community training was held on 7/12 in Lower Township (30 participants); three day training for school staff was held (300 participants); one day school teams refresher was held (76 participants) and a training for preschool staff is underway.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm by Chairperson Judy Kunec.

PATH Training Series – Sept 16th and 23rd from 1:00 – 2:30; Trainings are designed and intended for NJ PATH Case Workers - to enhance knowledge of the dynamics of suicide and how to develop a sufficient sense of trust to engage in a conversation about suicide.

This program is approved for 3 hours for Social Work continuing education

NOFA – Gambling Disorder Clinician Services Program:

RFP issued by NJ DMHAS announces availability of funding for Gambling Disorder Clinician Services Program, to provide Gambling Disorder services rendered through a Gambling Disorder Clinician to provide treatment and case management for individuals with dual disorder of gambling and substance use. Individuals with a mental health disorder shall not be excluded.

-Total annualized funding for this RFP is \$1.2 million;

-Ten (10) awards are anticipated for providers licensed as substance use disorder (SUD) providers

-The awards will be chosen regionally and based on need

-Bidders applying for more than one (1) county must submit separate proposals for each county.

Proposal Due Date – no later than 4:00 p.m. on 9/24/21

No Mandatory Bidders Conference

Notify Date – 10/22/21

NOFA – Provider Gambling Training and Technical Assistance Initiative – funded through the NJ Gambling Appropriations as a 1-time award of \$1,000,000.

The successful bidder will provide robust training and consultation services with the goal of full implementation of gambling counseling practices within agencies across New Jersey that offer substance use disorder (SUD) services. Clinicians who participate do not have to be employed in a DMHAS contracted agency.

Submission Deadline: 9/17/21

No Mandatory Bidders Conference

Notification: 10/8/21

RLI – A grant for implementing an initiative for **Promoting Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care** – funded by SAMHSA (*Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*) in the amount of \$2 million per year for the period of March 30, 2020 to March 31, 2025.

This initiative will address barriers to medical services and related care for People Who Inject Drugs (PWIDs) who are at risk for HIV and Hepatitis C (HCV) by developing an integrated system of care between participating Opioid Treatment Providers (OTPs) and primary care providers.

Two awards were made in 2020 to implement this initiative - NJ DMHAS is re-issuing this Request for Letters of Interest (RLI) to increase the number of patients served through this project.

this RLI is \$583,550 per year for five years, contingent on availability of federal funding. The total number of people served should be 259. The annual per client cost for services should not exceed \$2,250.

All applicants will be notified on or by June 4, 2021. (TBA?)

Award - Opioid Reduction Options in the Emergency Department: to develop and implement a program to increase awareness and focus on non-opioid pain management strategies and reduce the use of opioids in ED's and subsequent prescribing of opioids at discharge.

Awarded 7/3/21

Awards total \$1,049,075 (11 recipients – those not listed are northern counties)

Atlantic Care Regional Medical Center – Atlantic - \$99,075

Community Medical - Ocean - \$100,000

Capital Health Mercer - \$100,000

Monmouth Medical Center - Monmouth - \$100,000

Monmouth Medical Center Southern Campus – Ocean/Southern Monmouth - \$100,000

Awards made for 1-year period.

NOFA – *Central and Northern Counties only* - Expanded Hour/Same Day Service for Methadone and Other Medications in Opioid Treatment Programs

-Funded through SAMSAH State Opioid Response Grant; Is intended to be a 1-year program funded at \$1,600,000 as 2 awards of \$800,000

-Must provide services to low threshold on-demand Medication Assistance Treatment, followed by treatment or ongoing care for individuals with an opioid use disorder. These services should remove traditional service-hour barriers.

LYFT providing free or discounted rides to vaccine sites – call 211 to schedule transportation

NJ Department of Health Commissioner, Judith Persichilli, has provided additional Fact Sheets and resources from the FDA regarding Expansion of the Pfizer BioNTech COVID19 vaccines for ages 12 and older. These resources are for Recipients, Care Givers and Healthcare Providers. Some have already received this information; anyone else who wishes to receive this information please contact me and I will forward.

Previous Updates – for reference

Executive Order 252, signed by Governor Phil Murphy August 6, 2021, instituting the previously announced requirement that **all workers in certain state and private health care facilities and high-risk congregate settings be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by September 7, 2021** or be subject to COVID-19 testing at minimum one to two times per week. Regardless of whether the covered setting is providing workers with on-site access to testing or requiring workers to submit proof of a COVID-19 test, both antigen and molecular tests will be acceptable to fulfill the requirements of the Order.

There will be a joint call (yet to be scheduled) with Commissioners Persichilli and Adelman and stakeholders to review and discuss details of the EO. The EO applies to these community behavioral health provider types: residential detox, STR, LTR and supervised MH residences.

For purposes of this Order, workers are defined as:

- Full and part-time employees
- Contractors
- Other individuals working in the covered setting, including individuals providing operational, custodial, or administrative support

(For purposes of this Order, health care and high-risk congregate settings include:

- Acute, pediatric, inpatient rehabilitation, and psychiatric hospitals, including specialty hospitals, and ambulatory surgical centers
- Long-term care facilities, including the state Veterans Homes
- Intermediate care facilities, including the state developmental centers
- Residential detox, short term and long term residential substance abuse disorder treatment facilities
- Clinic-based settings like ambulatory care, urgent care clinics, dialysis centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, family planning sites, and Opioid Treatment Programs
- Community-based healthcare settings including Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, and pediatric and adult medical day care programs
- Licensed home health agencies and registered health care service firms operating within the State
- State and county correctional facilities
- Secure care facilities operated by the Juvenile Justice Commission
- Licensed community residences for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI)
- Licensed community residences for adults with mental illness; and
- Certified day programs for individuals with IDD and TBI)

Grant to DMHAS (*NOT to providers*) regarding the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Program and the 9-8-8 rollout - DMHAS has received a 9-month grant for the State of NJ to plan for closeout of current crisis line in conjunction with the rollout of the new 988-line; the 9-month grant will help to identify gaps that need to be filled in the current system, and how to most effectively implement 988 in NJ to fill those gaps. Implementation of **the new 3-digit crisis call line is projected to begin by summer of 2022, and will serve to provide a quick 3-digit number that is easy to remember for mental health crisis and suicide support.**

(National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's current number is 1-800-273-TALK (8255), and is a national network of local crisis centers providing free and confidential emotional support to those in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24/7)

MHADA – June, July, August

July 1st, 2021 to August 30th, 2021

1. **OORP Information:**

- Opioids (51 total)
 - i. Overdoses: 14 (27.45%)
 - ii. Non-overdoses: 37 (72.55%)
- Non-opioids: 66
- Outreach: 21

2. **Diversion Information:**

- **Graduated:** *no change*
- **Enrolled:** *no change*
- **Terminated:** *no change*

3. **Notes**

July

- Meetings have continued in person, with an emphasis on safe distancing, mask wearing, and encouraging peers and attendees to get vaccinated.
- Food Squad has been paused until after the summer season when the program is more applicable.
- Ongoing Narcan training and distribution in the community, especially with businesses with the Save a Life Pledge. Since March of 2021, there have been over 678 narcan kits distributed in the community.
- Preparations still underway for Overdose Awareness, tentatively scheduled for August 25th.
- Volunteers: *no change*

August

- Center is open by appointment only
- Overdose Awareness on August 25 was a great success.
- Currently working with community partners to strategize increase need in community
- Volunteers: 5 additional volunteers

SUDRRP

- New Enrollees: 10 (July and August 2021)
- 116 individuals helped since May 2020

Events/Recreation:

- “Get Some” High Speed Boat Trip planned for early August

- Overdose Awareness on August 25th, celebrated on the Atlantic Star in Wildwood Crest
- Tubing Trip being planned for early September

Narcan Training (Since October 2020)

- Hospital: 200
- Outreach: 850

Recovery Center

	July 1st, 2021 to August 30th, 2021	July 1, 2020 to June 30th 2021
Unduplicated Visitors	347	894
Duplicated Visitors	346	3,055
Donations (June only)	4 cases of water	2 cases of water
	\$150 donation from Adam McCarraher	Religious material from Calverly Baptist Church
	\$25 donation for Overdose Awareness	Brownies from Calverly Baptist Church
	\$25 cash donation in Rory Ahern's honor	
	Assistance with CRRC peer through the DiAntonio Foundation	
	Use of the Atlantic Star boat for Overdose Awareness from the Cicchitti family	
	Couch and loveseat for upstairs space	
Meeting Types	97 Total	291 Total
All Recovery	48	127
Women's Meeting	11	26
Secular Meeting	9	18
Smart Recovery	0	0
Alcoholics Anonymous	6	6
AA Women's Meeting	4	25
Narcotics Anonymous	4	18

Strengthening Families	0	14
A Woman's Way	6	8
LGBT All Recovery	1	8
Family Support Group	2	4
Calverly Baptist	6	1
Women's Sponsorship		
Programs		
Tai Chi	0	0
Yoga	0	2
Financial Class	0	4
Art	0	6
Meditation	4	24
Meeting Attendees		
Attendees Total		2073
All Recovery	403	1594
A Woman's Way	20	51
Secular Meeting	31	68
SMART Recovery	0	0
Narcotics Anonymous	10	19
Women's Meeting	35	132
Art	0	18
Meditation	9	85
Yoga	0	4
Financial Class	0	11
Transformation	0	18
LGBT All Recovery	4	39
Boat Trip	0	34
Alcoholics Anonymous	47	0
NA Women	36	0