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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 GREYSTONE PARK PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL**

- I. The Board of Trustees Meeting at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital (GPPH) was held in person on Thursday, May 16, 2024, pursuant to the notice duly given. In conformance with the Public Open Meetings law, notices for the meeting were sent to Daily Record and the Star-Ledger.

Board Member Attendance:

| <u>Present:</u> | <u>Excused</u> |
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| Chairman, James (Jim) DiGiulio, Esq. | |
| Vice Chairman, Sheriff James M. Gannon | |
| Louis Modugno, Esq. | |
| Tomika Carter, MSW | |
| Christine Dahlgren | |

Hospital Administrators Attendance:

| <u>Present:</u> | <u>Excused</u> |
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| Joshua Belsky, Chief Executive Officer | |
| Eric Madurki, Deputy Chief Executive Officer | |
| Quinzell McKenzie, Chief Operating Officer | |
| Christopher Dorian, Chief Clinical Officer | |
| Dr. Harlan Mellk, MD, Acting Medical Director | |
| Jack Frey, Business Manager | |
| Dorothea Josephs-Spaulding, Director of Quality Management | |
| Timothy Dimitrios, Administrative Analyst 4 | |
| Maria Jazenback, Secretary to the Board | |
| Stephanie Gabelmann, GPA Liaison | X |

CALL TO ORDER at 3:15pm by Chairman, James DiGiulio. It was discussed that public comment and questions will occur at the end of the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The April 18, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Vice Chairman, Sheriff James Gannon gave the 1st motion to approve the minutes. Louis Modugno gave the 2nd motion for approval. All in favor. The April 18, 2024, minutes were adopted.

III. CEO REPORT:

Mr. Joshua Belsky, Chief Executive Officer at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital (GPPH) presented the CEO Report during this meeting.

Mr. Josh Belsky discussed that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and a presentation occurred at Greystone called "Peer Perspectives: A Message of Hope" in which patients and staff were able to hear the encouraging voices of past Greystone patients who are living recovery. There was also a community marketplace held in our Creative Employment Center immediately following the presentation in which community providers shared resources that can be utilized after discharge. A special thank you was given to Board of Trustees member, Christine Dahlgren for participating in the event and for sharing her experiences with our patients and staff.

The average census for April was 358. There were fifteen (15) admission and fourteen (14) discharges. There were 71 CEPP patients in April which is about 19.7% of our population. As of today, there are 62 CEPP patients which is about 17.27% of our population.

Restorative Action Collaboration Team (RACT) was developed as it creates a universal process following threats or acts of violence from patients towards staff and falls under the Violence Prevention Committee. There are currently five (5) cases that the team is working on. We are also continuing to expect the Safewards project at GPPH.

We have hired eight (8) Medical Security Officers (MSOs). Two (2) of these MSOs have started and six (6) are in process. This will bring the total number up to about twenty-seven (27). Positive outcome calls for the MSOs was 84%. There were nineteen (19) holds, thirteen (13) seclusions, and ten (10) mobile restraints as per MSO.

Human Resources attended two (2) job fairs as well as continues to recruit for a Chief of Psychiatry, Medical Director, and Chief Nursing Officer. There were twelve (12) hires and ten (10) retirements/resignations in April.

Annual Nursing Competencies training started on April 22nd and skill demonstrations began for all licensed and paraprofessional staff. Hundreds of staff have already attended the competencies training which continued into May.

There were twenty-nine (29) patient to patient assaults in which twenty (20) resulted in no injury, eight (8) minor injuries and one (1) moderate injury. This is the lowest month total of patient to patient assaults this year. There were eighteen (18) patient to staff assaults in which eleven (11) resulted in no injury, six (6) minor injuries, and one (1) moderate injury. This was the highest month total of patient to staff assaults this year. There were two (2) contraband incidents which involved cigarettes in April.

The Rehabilitation Department ran 1,655 groups which resulted in 9,187 patient contacts with a total of more than 60% of patient programming off units.

Due to the earthquake incident which occurred, the hospital sent out a flyer to all staff in regard to how to properly respond to an earthquake at the facility. This flyer is also posted around the facility and will be distributed to all new employees during new employee orientation each month.

Chairman, Jim DiGiulio asked if there were any issues with onboarding at this time? The CEO, Josh Belsky advised that everything is going as expected with no issues at this time. Chairman, Jim DiGiulio thanked Board Member, Christine Dahlgren for taking the lead in helping with the peer perspective event at GPPH.

Christine Dahlgren advised it was an awesome event and was happy to participate. Christine also stated that if she was able to even help one person to have hope than it was a success.

Vice Chairman, Sheriff Gannon advised that a meeting has been scheduled for the Health and Safety Committee and an update will be provided at the next Board of Trustees Meeting in June.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The patient welfare fund information for April 2024 was reviewed by the Board of Trustees prior to this meeting. The beginning balance for April 2024 was reviewed as \$69,589.51 with \$7,993.34 deposited and \$6,560.17 in disbursements. The ending balance was \$71,022.68. Balance of cash management fund was \$522,972.99 and the total patient welfare fund available balance ended at \$593,995.67. The Board of Trustees did not have any questions in regard to the patient welfare fund report for April 2024.

V. OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

John Verney from the Office of Community Services presented the following information during this meeting:

1. Current/Recent Funding Opportunities:

Independent Peer Review

The Department of Human Services (“DHS”), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”) hereby announces the availability of funds for credentialed substance abuse professionals to provide Independent Peer Review (“IPR”) for quality and appropriateness of treatment services of substance use treatment facilities funded by DMHAS.

DMHAS seeks up to three (3) qualified individuals to complete separate IPRs of substance use treatment facilities, to be selected by DMHAS, in the North, South and Central regions of the State. Applicants must have a master’s degree or doctoral degree and be an active Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (“LCADC”) with at least three (3) years of experience as a clinical supervisor of Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient Methadone Maintenance Programs in substance use treatment facilities.

Applicants must be willing to travel to assigned facilities for one (1) to three (3) days of peer review of clinical services or conduct the reviews remotely with support provided by the DMHAS. Amount of Funding Available is a flat fee: Up to three (3) reviewers will be selected, each qualifying for \$700 per day with a \$2,100 maximum per review. The total maximum expense for these professional services contracts for all reviewers will not exceed \$6,300 combined.

Application Package Deadline: To apply, applicants must request login credentials by emailing SUD.upload@dhs.nj.gov no later than 4:00 pm ET on May 10, 2024

More information on these Division funding opportunities is available at:

<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/provider/funding/>

2. As part of Mental Health Awareness Month, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services is offering a Webinar on Wednesday, May 29 at Noon:

Celebrating and Supporting the Role of Peers. Division staff Susanne Mills and Sandy Snell will facilitate the webinar. The registration link is:

https://dhs-nj.gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_eu9saEsVRqaEcdmBaiQrCA

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business during this meeting.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairman, James DiGiulio opened the floor for questions and/or comments. Members of the public were reminded that they had five (5) minutes to state their question(s)/comments. Any questions/concerns that cannot be addressed during this meeting will be addressed during the next meeting.

Public Member:

Ms. Ann Weber asked the following questions:

Before Covid, visitation was on the units and then it moved to the courtroom. When will visits occur in the units again? Patients have been unable to have holiday meals since 2020.

Josh Belsky, CEO advised he did not have this information available for this meeting but will discuss this matter at the next Board of Trustees Meeting.

What are the numbers of seclusion and restraint for April 2024?

Josh Belsky, CEO advised there were thirteen (13) seclusions and eleven (11) restraints in April.

Are all geriatric patients on the geriatric units or are they all over the hospital?

Josh Belsky, CEO advised he did not have this information available for this meeting but will discuss this matter at the next Board of Trustees Meeting.

What is the total number of forensic patients at GPPH?

There are a total of 134 patients considered special status.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31pm.


X. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 3:15pm via telephone conference.

Respectfully Submitted,


Maria Jazenback, Secretary
GPPH's Board of Trustees

Witnessed By,


James DiGiulio, Chairman
GPPH's Board of Trustees