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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 virtually via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, June 20, 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>
Chairman, James (Jim) DiGiulio, Esq.	
Vice Chairman, Sheriff James M. Gannon	
Louis Modugno, Esq.	X
Tomika Carter, MSW	
Christine Dahlgren	

Hospital Administrators Attendance:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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	X
Jack Frey, Business Manager	
Dorothea Josephs-Spaulding, Director of Quality Management	
Timothy Dimitrios, Administrative Analyst 4	X
Dr. Laura Romano, Director of Nursing	
David Hutchinson, Director of Nursing	
Maria Jazenback, Secretary to the Board	
Andrea Hunnighan, Secretary to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer	
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 May 16, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Tomika Carter gave the 1st motion to approve the minutes. Vice Chairman, Sheriff James Gannon gave the 2nd motion for approval. All in favor. The May 16, 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 the average census for May was 358. There were sixteen (16) admissions and eighteen (18) discharges. There were sixty-four (64) CEPP patients in May which is about 18% of our population. The payphone project continues as there are about nine (9) units completed. Outdoor drills and furniture have been ordered for the Cottage patients. In May, we celebrated Nurses Week, Police Week, and Public Employee Recognition Week. Co-Occurring has about 50% of new admissions enrolled. Human Resources is currently trying to fill about one-hundred and fifteen (115) vacancies.

There was an increase in patient-to-patient assaults which went from twenty-nine (29) in April to forty-four (44) in May. There was a decrease in patient to staff assaults which is at twelve (12) for May. The assaults are 3.95 per 1000 patient days making our year to date 4.64 per 1000 patient days. This is an increase from last month but still the second lowest. There were no major injuries, one (1) patient to patient moderate injury and zero (0) patient to staff moderate injuries. There was twelve (12) patient to patient mild injuries and eleven (11) patient to staff mild injuries in May. There was one (1) incident of contraband which was due to a patient having pills in their pocket.

The Woody Guthrie Wellness Center just opened this week and in the last five (5) days has already had 383 patient contacts. Rehab had an Activities Expo as well as opened the Greenhouse and raised \$2,200 on day one (1).

The CEO has continued to complete Meet and Greet with the Executive and Senior Leadership team as well as has established a regular executive supervision schedule. A Town Hall occurred in which 150 plus staff attended over three (3) scheduled meetings. The CEO is currently interviewing for a Clinical Medical Director and a Chief Nursing Officer as well as continues to interview for psychiatrists since two (2) have recently resigned. The CEO also discussed phase I patient information centers (PIC) bids which are due June 27th for A3 and D3 units.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The patient welfare fund information for May 2024 was reviewed by the Board of Trustees prior to this meeting. The beginning balance for May 2024 was reviewed as \$71,022.68 with \$7,853.45 deposited and \$8,004 in disbursements. The ending balance was \$70,872.13. Balance of cash management fund was \$525,324.20 and the total patient welfare fund available balance ended at \$596,196.33. Chairman, James DiGiulio inquired if lease payments increase the patient welfare fund account and budget balance as we are still over half a million dollars.

Jack Frey, Business Manager presented the Patient Welfare Budget for FY 2025. Tomika Carter gave the 1st motion to approve the Budget presented and Vice Chairman, Sheriff James Gannon gave the 2nd motion to approve. All in favor.

Request for Additional Funds was granted by the Board of Trustees for the following:

Cottages – for Juneteenth and Father’s Day Party - \$1000 – approved via email prior to this meeting.

Board of Trustees Picnic in July 2024 - \$14,720.00 to include food, tents, tables, chairs, and a band for patients was – approved via email prior to this meeting.

Mental Health Awareness Speaker - \$1250 – approved via email prior to this meeting.

The Board of Trustees requested to be made aware of patient events in advance so they can attend if they wish.

V. OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:

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

N.J. Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)

Office of Community Services Update for the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital Board
June 20, 2024

1. Current/Recent Funding Opportunities:

Permanent Community-based Housing for Individuals Currently Diagnosed with a Mental Illness who are in a Nursing Facility, State or County Psychiatric Hospital or are Homeless

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for the provision of Community Support

Services (CSS) and community housing (unsupervised) to adults 18 and over being discharged from a New Jersey long term care or nursing facility (NF) or, with prior written DMHAS approval, persons being discharged from a State or County Psychiatric Hospital or persons experiencing homelessness.

Available Funding Amount: Total annualized funding for each award is \$525,950 subject to federal and State appropriations. DMHAS anticipates making up to fifteen (15) awards. DMHAS seeks to award five (5) residences in each of the three (3) regions defined below. Each of the fifteen (15) residences will accommodate (3) individuals resulting in a minimum of forty-five (45) community housing placements served through this RFP, with up to forty-five (45) CSS consumers served. In addition, up to \$350,000 in one-time Capital funding may be requested for: a) the purchase, or purchase and renovation of a single-family home, townhome or condominium with three (3) single bedroom accommodations for three (3) individual residents; or b) for physical modifications to a residence to be long-term leased; or c) or for physical modifications to a residence already owned by the bidder.

The regions are as follows:

Northern- (Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Warren, Morris, Essex, Hudson)

Central- (Monmouth, Mercer, Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union)

Southern- (Ocean, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May)

July 19, 2024 Deadline for receipt of proposals.

Mobile Crisis Outreach Response Teams (MCORT)

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for Mobile Crisis Outreach Response Teams (MCORT) to respond to adults (18 and above) in non-life-threatening situations who have contacted the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Available Funding Amount: is \$2,838,704 to support 11 MCORTs across Essex and Hudson counties. DMHAS will make one award.

The goals of the Mobile Crisis Outreach Response system are: 1. Provide access to timely crisis intervention services; 2. De-escalate the crisis and stabilize consumers in the community; 3. Prevent Hospitalization, re-hospitalization, incarceration, and intervention by law enforcement whenever it is safe to do so; 4. Deliver equitable behavioral crisis services to all New Jersey residents. MCORTS will be dispatched by the 988 Managing Entity after a 988 Lifeline Crisis Center determines that a community-based response is needed. The 988 Managing Entity is a DMHAS-contracted organization that will coordinate and oversee current and future DMHAS-contracted 988 Lifeline crisis centers and dispatch MCORTs.

July 1, 2024 Deadline for receipt of proposals.

More information on these Division funding opportunities is available at:
<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/provider/funding/>

2. NJ Department of Human Services Leadership Updates:

Commissioner Sarah Adelman announced two new Deputy Commissioners will join NJ Human Services' senior leadership team to oversee medical and behavioral health services, social services and emergency management. Commissioner Adelman named Michael J. Wilson as Deputy Commissioner for Social Services and Valerie Mielke as Deputy Commissioner for Health Services.

In his new role, Wilson will oversee the Division of Family Development, Office of New Americans and the Human Services' Office of Emergency Management.

In her new role, Mielke will oversee the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, which manages the *NJFamilyCare* (i.e., Medicaid)

health insurance program that serves about 2 million residents. She will also oversee the Department's work on the Catastrophic Illness in Children's Relief Fund.

Assistant Commissioner Renee Burawski will lead the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Assistant Commissioner Gregory Woods will lead the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services.

VI. Health and Safety Committee Update

Vice Chairman, Sheriff James Gannon discussed that the Health and Safety Committee met on June 5, 2024, at 3:30pm. It was a great meeting which included GPPH leadership, Morris County Office of Emergency Management, GPPH Fire Department, and Department of NJ State Human Services Police. At this meeting, new projects that the hospital is working on was discussed such as camera upgrades, capital projects, active shooter trainings, meet and greet events and discussion. GPPH staff are doing an exceptional job and they are looking to have nearby resources come in to help with the health and safety of our patients.

Chairman, James DiGiulio thanked Sheriff James Gannon for spearheading the Health and Safety Committee with hospital leadership and for always being there when GPPH needs him as he is very active and always jumps in to support the leadership team.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman, James DiGiulio discussed we will be doing meetings via teams as much as possible instead of by telephone.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

When will visits occur in the units again? Patients have been unable to have holiday meals since 2020. Visitation was moved to the courtroom pre-covid. Visits will remain in the courtroom for a variety of reasons including safety, clinical, and effects on other patients are just to name a few.

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

Most geriatric patients are on geriatric units. Some are in the cottages and other units due to patient needs however, there is one (1) cottage which is a geriatric cottage as well as D1, E1, and G1 are geriatric units.

IX. 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.

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Board of Trustees Meeting
June 2024 Meeting Minutes

Public Member:

Ms. Ann Weber asked the following questions:

How many seclusions and restraints were there in May 2024?

This question will be answered at the next meeting as this information was not available during this meeting.

Are all fire extinguishers and AED batteries checked each month?

Josh Belsky, CEO advised that all fire extinguishers and AEDs are checked monthly.

Do visitors still need to make an appointment to see their loved one? This was not something that needed to be done in the past.

Josh Belsky, CEO advised that all visitors must call ahead to make an appointment by advising who is coming and when they are coming. There are many clinical reasons as to why these visits are by appointment only which includes not only due to covid but for clinical, safety, and security reasons as well.

How many patients have been in GPPH for over 3 years?

This question will be answered at the next meeting as this information was not available during this meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47pm.


XI. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, July 18, 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

