

NEW JERSEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

May 14, 2025, 10:00 am

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Participants:

Donna Miglorino	Darlema Bey (Chair)	Connie Greene (Vice-Chair)	Mary Abrams
Heather Simms	Julia Barugel	Jennifer Rutberg	Damian Petino
Winifred Chain	Elisabeth Marchese	Harry Coe	Susan Loughery
Tom Pyle	Suzanne Smith	Tatyana Brown	Krista Connelly
Barbara Johnston	Stacy Reh	Morgan Thompson	Francis Walker
Shawn Buskirk			

DMHAS, CSOC, DDD, DMAHS, DoAS & DoH Staff:

Jonathan Sabin	Shenal Pugh	Sucharitha Reddy	Clarence Pearson
Brielle Easton	Brittany Thorne	Nancy Edouard	Brittany Thorne
Helen Staton	Jessica Han	Yunqing Li	
Suzanne Borys	Mark Kruszczyński		

Guests:

Abigail Lewis	Mike Santillo	Diane Litterer	William Cole
Peter Basto	Rachel Morgan	Ken Brach	Stephanie Bilitz
Trisha Bradley	David Armstrong	Nina Smuklawsky	Resha Jenebe
Amy Banko	Anne Smullen-Thieling		

I. Administrative Issues/Correspondence (Darlema Bey)

- A. Attendance, 21/34, 61.7% attendance, quorum exceeded.
- B. Minutes of April 11, 2025 General Meeting Approved.
- C. Membership Committee
 1. Recommendation to submit the nomination of Angela Calzone to the Assistant Commissioner of DMHAS for consideration for membership of the NJ BHPC was approved unanimously. There were no “no votes” It will be submitted to the Assistant Commissioner of DMHAS by the State Mental Health Planner.
- D. Nominations for BHPC Chair and Vice-Chair: Term of Office 7/1/25 – 6/30/27
 1. President
 - a. Darlema Bey

- b. Heather Simms
- 2. Vice President:
 - a. Connie Greene
 - b. Morgan Thompson – Declined nomination (05/14/25)
 - c. Darlema Bey

II. **NJ Prevention Links**, Diane Litterer, CEO, NJ Prevention Network

A. See PowerPoint shared with BHPC via mail 5/12/25 & 4/4/25

- 1. Prevention Parable
- 2. Prevention Funding In NJ
- 3. IOM & Public Health Model
- 4. Protective Factors
- 5. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)
- 6. Prevention Strategies: Domains
- 7. Prevention Programs by Population
- 8. County Prevention Agencies

Atlantic: <http://www.atlprev.org/>

Bergen: <http://www.bergencoalition.org/>

Burlington: <https://www.prevplus.org/>

Camden: <https://cccada.org/>

Cape May: <http://www.cmchcc.org/>

Cumberland / Salem: <http://www.southwestcouncil.org/>

Essex: <http://www.familyconnectionsny.org/>

Gloucester: <http://www.southwestcouncil.org/>

Hudson: <http://www.hudsoncountycoalition.org/>

Hunterdon / Somerset: <http://www.safecoalition.org/>

Mercer: <http://www.mercercouncil.org/>

Middlesex: <https://wellspringprevention.org/our-programs/prevention-hub/>

Monmouth: <http://www.monmouthresourcenet.org/>

Morris: <http://www.preventioniskey.org/>

Ocean: <http://www.rwjbh.org/dart>

Passaic: <http://www.up-in-pc.org/>

Somerset: <https://www.prevplus.org/>

Sussex: <http://www.centerforprevention.org/>

Union: <http://www.preventionlinks.org/>

Warren: <https://preventionconnections.fgcwc.org/join-us/coalition-for-healthy-safe-communities/>

- 9. Special Populations (e.g, veterans, compulsive gambling, older adults, LGBTQ)
- 10. See video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NdcRKKmfBfM>
- 11. Contact: Litterer, Diane dianelitterer@njpn.org

- B. Q&A
 - 1. Funding

III. NJ Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, Amy Banko (VP, NJ PRA) & Peter Basto (NJ PRA President)

- A. See PowerPoint sent 5/12/25
- B. Acknowledgement of Tom Pyle and William “Bill” Cole
- C. Founded in 1980, as a lobbying group.
- D. Relevant websites:
 - 1. See: <https://sites.rutgers.edu/shp-shpri/>
 - 2. See: <https://shp.rutgers.edu/psychiatric-rehabilitation-counseling/>
 - 3. See: <https://www.amazon.com/Psychiatric-Rehabilitation-Carlos-W-Pratt/dp/0128099909>
 - 4. See: <https://www.psychrehabassociation.org/certification/cprp-certification>
 - 5. See: <https://rutgers.zoom.us/j/98649824737?pwd=eByvawNrIitLbsbKfgvNMUW2gKoBLA.1>
 - 6. See: <https://npra.wildapricot.org/event-6162910>

IV. System Partner Updates (Darlema Bey)

- A. Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (Donna Migliorino, DMHAS).
 - 1. Joint application for SUPTRS and MHBG
 - a. Subcommittee meetings should resume for “Needs and Gaps”
 - 2. Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention
 - a. Two new surveys forthcoming: CDC survey and High School Survey
- B. Children’s Systems of Care (Stacy Reh, DCF CSOC).
 - 1. No update provided
- C. Division of Developmental Disabilities (Jonathan Sabin)
 - 1. The DDD Office of Education on Self-Directed Services (OESDS) hosts networking sessions for people and families who are: self-directing services and interested in self-direction. All sessions are held in-person unless otherwise noted. Advance registration is required for all sessions. Please visit ([Family Networking Sessions Spring 2025](#)) for more information.
 - 2. The Virtual Peer-to-Peer Networking Session on June 2nd from 6:00 – 7:30 PM via Zoom is an opportunity for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are (or are interested in) self-directing some or all of their DDD services to meet their peers, share resources, and discuss their experiences with self-direction. Register here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
 - 3. The New Jersey Governor’s Council on Mental Health Stigma is holding a virtual Learning Collaborative dedicated to the discussion of best practices

and new ideas for mental health services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities on May 14, 2025, 10:00 AM to 11:30 PM. Register here: [New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies](#)

4. The New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities and its Regional Family Support Planning Councils (RFSPCs) are hosting a Developmental Disability Education Day on Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., titled *Passing the Baton: Future Planning for Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families*. Participants can attend in person at the Hamilton Garden Inn in Hamilton Township or virtually via Zoom. Register here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/3117454422489/WN_oFIt1QymQKixBK68uqYZ5w#/registration

- D. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (Tatyana Brown)
 1. No updates this month.
- E. Division of Aging (Jennifer Rutberg)
 1. No updates this month
- F. Justice Commission, NJ Dept. of Law & Public Safety: (Francis Walker)
 1. Re-branding of JJC, now called “Youth Justice Commission (YJC)”
- G. Department of Education (Damian Petino):
 1. No updates this month.
- H. Department of Corrections (K. Connelly):
 1. No updates this month.
- I. NJ Div. of Medical Assistance and Health Services (NJ Family Care/State Medicaid) Sucharitha Reddy
 1. DMAHS is in the process of re-structuring the stakeholder information website to add resources and make it more user friendly.
Also DMAHS will host an in person office hours in late June. Registration information will be available on the website or reach out to the resource acct email. Link below.
<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/information/stakeholder/index.html>
- J. Department of Health: (Susan Loughery):
 1. No update provided
- K. Division of Family Development (Marie Snyder): Not present
- L. Supported Housing Association (Kate Kelly): Not present.
- M. NJ County Mental Health Administrators Association (Elisabeth Marchese)

N. NJ Hospital Association (Deena Tampi), Not Present.

IV. Open Public Comment and Announcements:

A. Comments/questions: None

V. Adjournment: Darlema Bey 11:57 am

A. Next meeting: 6/11/25 10:00 am –noon.
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B. Future Agenda Items/Additional Items for Meetings in 2025

1. Quality Improvement Plan (QIP): (Connie Greene)
2. NJ DoE Threat Assessment Protocols
3. Overview of CSS (Harry Reyes, DMHAS)
4. Pretrial Services in Camden County
5. JJC Discussion (Filomena DiNuzzo)
6. DVR (John Tkacz)
7. Presentation on SUD prevention efforts at County Jails?
8. Family Member Perspectives
9. Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) (Suzanne B.)
10. AIR , Youth Suicide Prevention (kurt@air.ngo)
11. SUD and the JJC (Francis Walker, JJC)
12. Experiences of Consumers in SUD Crisis
13. State Mental Hospitals (Department of Health, annmarie.flory@doh.nj.gov (Service Questions, Appropriateness of Services, Outcomes.)
14. DMHAS Fiscal Presentation: August 2025. Confirmed

C. June 11, 2025 Subcommittee Meetings:

1. 9:30 Community Mental Health Block Grant: Gaps and Needs
2. Nominations Committee