**Date:** 9/17/19

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lynn Site Office

**Attendees:** Dee Oiumette, Pat Byrne, Barbara Morrison, Maeve O’Connor, Ilya Ablavsky, Emily Johnson, Carol Ellis, Lt. Dave Brown

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| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Assignment/Task** | **Point Person**  | **Notes** |
| INTRODUCTIONS |  No new board members to be introduced. |  |  |  |
| Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes | Reviewed April 2019 minutes. One change made, Dee to add “overview of respite discussed” to the section about DMH respite. Emily Johnson motioned to accept the minutes, Maeve O’Connor seconded. April 2019 minutes have been accepted.  |  |  |  |
| Treasurer’s Report | No additional use of the fund from the past meeting. There were a few emails this summer requesting funds but the first one was not used after all and the other has not come through yet. |     |     |    |
| Review of Nomination results | Introduction of Dave Brown as President, Ilya Ablavsky as Vice President, Maeve O’Connor as secretary, Barbara Morrison as treasurer. Ilya chaired the meeting.  |  |  |  |
| Open Meeting Law procedures | Dee provided the “Open Meeting Law” packet detailing procedures for voting, board meetings and minutes. Materials provided should be added as addendums to the minutes. Reviewed the checklist for creating and approving minutes. Also reviewed the public body checklist. We will review and resign this document in January. This meeting is open to the public and is posted by the state to give notice to the community.  |  |  |  |
| Distribution of most recent DMH resource directory | This is a statewide directory of offices, contact information. Distributed to all meeting attendees.  |  |  |  |
| New Business  | - Community Conversations Event- very successful, attendees were engaged, it seemed useful to participants. A lot of good information was disseminated and it was a real conversation, not just a lecture. It worked out well to be guests and speaking to a more targeted group of people. - Dee Ouimette is going to be covering the North Shore site in Salem, as well as the Lynn site while they are hiring a replacement at that site. She is guessing this will be about 3 to 4 months. She may ask Sarah Fuller to be involved in this meeting as well if she cannot make it each month. - There are developments happening with a few programs for transitional age (16 to 25 years old) youth programs. There’s going to be a youth drop-in center in Gloucester and in Lowell. Emily brought up the point that having more options for these types of centers would be helpful, because these locations aren’t very convenient to Lynn residents. - Trying to designate services for first episode psychosis in this area. This is a very vulnerable population and in need of specific services. There is a collaborative that is being developed with providers in the area who have agreed to take this population on in their own clinics. DMH is providing some funds for that to get staff up to speed and provide specific education around first episode psychosis. - The board would find it helpful to resume having people from various parts of DMH come to these meetings to describe the services that they provide. We could have respite (mobile respite and site based), Transition to Independence (TIP), ACCS (Adult Community Clinical Services), PACT (Program Assertive Community Treatment). Interest was expressed in having PACT come for the October meeting and TIP for the November meeting. - The PACT team has recently expanded from 50 providers to 80. - GLSS update- mobile mental health is only for homebound individuals who are in need of counseling. There has been an ongoing discussion about the Senior Center to become separate from GLSS and be run by the city. There are movements happening for this to come to fruition. The location would have to change. - Discussed gaps in forensic services as well, including lack of reentry services, housing services, tiered living idea to help with reentry and transition from respite etc.  |  |  |  |
| ADDENDA AND MATERIALS PROVDIED | Agenda for September 2019 meetingApril 2019 minutesDMH Resource Directory, July 2019DMH Open Meeting Law, 6/1/19 |  |  |  |
| ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING | Motion to adjourn by Barbara Morrison and seconded by Pat Byrne. Next meeting: October 15th, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.Next month, we will discuss the possibility of organizing a fundraiser. Ideas are possibly to raise money for first month’s rent at sober houses, and maybe money for getting clients’ documentation.  |   |   | .  |

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