



Southeast Area Citizen Board Meeting Minutes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Massachusetts is one of the top states spending in Mental Health</li> <li>Rates will level out with ACCS spending</li> </ul>			
<b>Sub-committee Report and Follow-up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send invitation to all site board presidents to attend future Area Board Meetings quarterly, purpose to training/orientation to board presidents and bring this knowledge back to their respective boards and site directors</li> <li>Develop a template for site boards to report back to Area Board with accomplishments, issues and problems. In order to work together to accomplish common goals throughout the Southeast Area.</li> </ul>	Template needs to be develop and distributed to sites	John Bove	
<b>Procurement:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All procurements are completed RLC, RESPITE, PACT and COMPE PSYCH except CBFS which is changing to ACCS.</li> <li>Adult Community Clinical Services (ACCS) will replace CBFS, proposals are due January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 3 review committees have been set up to review 8 contracts to begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be a redesign of service; DMH is expecting competition for these 5-year contracts with options to renew an additional five years..</li> <li>Internally we will work with our state-operated service to comply with ACCS standards. The planning process has begun but will take at least 6 months to implement; we will compare our services and staffing and then work with the unions to get there.</li> </ul>			
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DMH policy on workplace violence and safety is being reviewed</li> <li>Safety survey has been distributed and those findings have been reviewed</li> <li>Employee concerns are being addressed: transportation, case managers transporting clients and what safety measures and precautions are being taken, entering unsafe neighborhoods, need for cell phones or personal alert systems</li> <li>Workgroup is established of community staff to develop</li> </ul>			

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	<p>guidelines to alleviate safety concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restricted public access in our buildings: Brockton, Pocasset Quincy, Plymouth and Gifford building are done, Corrigan is on the planning block</li> <li>• Contraband search are being done at Taunton State Hospital</li> </ul>			
<b>Personnel Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taunton State Hospital COO position, we received 65 applicants and 6 interviews have been conducted, the current COO, Joyce O'Connor will be retiring in March 2018, she is currently on FMLA and Kathy Duke is serving as interim COO currently</li> <li>• Officially Naomi Tavares has been named Center Director of Pocasset/Hyannis Site Office</li> </ul>			
<b>Legislative Breakfast</b>	<p>February 8, 2018                  Senator Pacheco and Representative Cantwell                  Brendan Burke has volunteered to Co-Host event</p>		Andrea	
Future Meeting	<p>Topics Discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update on Health care Reform</li> <li>2. What is parity? Mental Health Parity in Healthcare</li> <li>3. Training and Education</li> <li>4. Advocacy with our legislators possible invitation to Senator Pacheco or DeMacedo</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Globe Article regarding wait time in ER for Mental Health services versus other services may include sources for parity discussion. Parity is important topic as mental services are larger than just what DMH provides.</li> </ul>	<p>Will research expert speakers in this subject and invite to future board meeting to discuss</p> <p>Will research article and send to board members</p>	<p>Buddy Kim</p> <p>Andrea</p>	
MISC.	<p>Vincent question about Joint Commission, survey is done every 3 years through the Joint Commission and the inpatient units are CMS certified.</p>			
<b>Adjournment - Next Meeting</b>	<p>There being no further business to discuss, motion was made to adjourn at 4:10 PM.</p>	<p>Motion was seconded and passed.                  The next meeting is scheduled for</p>		

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		Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 2:00 in Taunton in Gifford Large Conference Room		
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