

NYC Community Services Board

2/14/2019 | 11:00am – 12:30pm



Action Items:

- Send CSB members Mayor's Marijuana Report.

Call to Order: Call to order 11:05 AM

Agenda Topic 1 Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Hillary Kunins welcomed the Community Service Board. Dr. Kunins is the Acting Executive Deputy Commissioner as Dr. Belkin as moved onto the newly established Office of ThriveNYC under the direction of Susan Herman. This office will be focused on Thrive sustainability across city agencies.

Agenda Topic 2: Local Services Plan (LSP) Progress Updates and CSB Subcommittee/Committee Planning

- The NYC CSB requested an update on the 2019 LSP to keep them abreast of the progress of the objectives the Division of Mental Hygiene submitted to New York State. Bureaus and subcommittees updated the CSB on select LSP objectives and reviewed their 2019 CSB subcommittee planning as well. Since the LSP is submitted for in the summer before the start of the calendar year, some objectives have varying time frames. *(See LSP 2019 Update document and CSB Subcommittee/Committee Goal and Objective document)*
- Bureau of Systems Strengthening and Access (BSSA): Yoshi Pinnaduwa provided an update on Maternal Depression Work, Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) Education Sessions, the CBO VBP Readiness Project, the progress of the Community Partners in Care (CPIC) initiative in Brooklyn, Friendship Benches and MHFA.
- The Bureau of Children, Youth and Families (CYF): Marnie Davidoff provided an update on the Mental Health Training of Early Childhood Professions and the Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Network capacity building initiative.
- The Bureau of Mental Health (BMH): Myla Harrison provided an update on the NYC Mural Arts Project and looking at the AOT renewal process with a racial equity lens. The MH CSB subcommittee has raised that there is an unmet mental health need for immigrant communities. The Division and different city partners such as H+H, through NYC Care, are continuing to find ways to promote immigrant health with providers and community members.
 - CSB members agreed that this is an important issue, especially with the potential changes to the public charge rule. Family members may begin refusing services for their families if they believe it may affect their ability to become a US citizen. NYU is beginning to look closely at immigrant health, focusing on mental health services and children in the school system since the start of the Trump Administration.
- Bureau of Developmental Disabilities (BDD): Janice Chisholm worked with OPWDD to provide updates on a number of LSP objectives including progress around accessible housing and home modification, residential opportunities for medically fragile, transition planning services and employment opportunities. Workforce development is a cross system issue that is of particular importance to the Developmental Disability services system and remains an unmet need.

- Office of Criminal Justice (OCJ): Demetrius Thomas provided updates on the progress of the Co-response teams, the HEAT teams and the Diversion Centers.
- Bureau of Alcohol, Drug Use and Care, Prevention and Treatment (BADUPCT): Hillary Kunins provided updates on Naloxone distribution and Overdose Prevention training, the Relay program, Peer Corps, Rapid Assessment and Response (RAR) teams and the Public Education and Awareness campaigns.
- LGBTQ Committee: Elizabeth Hyde provided updates on the work of the subcommittee. The committee aims to assist DOHMH in expanding LGBTQ-affirming policies and practices. Specifically, they will be engaged in contributing to the 2020 LSP and also working to catalogue existing LGBTQ affirming processes in DOHMH and other city agencies.

Agenda Topic 3: NYS Budget Update

- **Marijuana Legalization:** Mayor De Blasio convened a NYC Taskforce on Cannabis legalization. This was a cross agency effort with DOHMH chairing the committee on Public Health, Social Services and Education. The taskforce produced a report (***Attached Report***) that lays out guiding principles with a focus on minimizing interactions with the criminal justice system and redressing past disparities from cannabis criminalization. The report includes a number of recommendations on effective cannabis regulation and licensing, consumer protections among others.
- **Housing:** Supportive Housing has been around for decades in NYC with no recent rate increases. Providers are saying they can no longer afford to keep these people housed. In NYC, we cannot lose the thousands of units of affordable housing and this has become a major problem.
- **Crisis Services:** NYC submitted a multi-phase plan to NYS. Phase 1 of the plan has been approved. Phase 2 and 3 which require additional funding have not yet been approved and no funding has been provided.

Agenda Topic 4: NYC Community Services Board 2019 Planning

- Gail Nayowith: Today, the CSB has heard about some of the current work of the Department and some unmet needs of the community. Nayowith wanted to get a sense from the Board whether there is any interest in writing a letter to different state stakeholders to elevate the disconnect between the State budget and the community needs. These needs include cross system issues discussed today including workforce issues, immigrant communities' mental health, crisis services, supportive housing, children's mental health and suicide. Present CSB members agreed unanimously to sign a letter highlighting community priorities not being addressed at the state level.
- Hillary Kunins thanked CSB members for providing input through a CSB Experience Survey. This feedback including asking us to better track the issues and input provided by the Board to improve our ability to measure CSB impact.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30PM