



**DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (DBHS)
ANCORA PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 28, 2022**

The Ancora Psychiatric Hospital (APH) Board of Trustees meeting was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 1:30 pm via Microsoft TEAMS.

Attendance: Diane Conover, Program Specialist 3
Sheree, Fitzgerald, RN, Acting Deputy CEO, Clinical Services
Gregory Henderson, Supervisor of General and Support Services
Allen Masry, MD, Acting Medical Director
Morrison, Chris, Assistant Commissioner
Beth Schermerhorn, Trustee via tele-conference
Cynthia Vetrano, Acting CEO, Deputy CEO, Clinical Operations

Excused:

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- The December 14, 2022, February 22, 2022, March 22, 2022, and May 24, 2022, minutes are tabled. No approval of minutes or motions can be conducted without the Chairperson present. Ms. Hartel, DOH, is aware of APH need for additional board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Emily Baggett has submitted a letter of resignation from the Board of Trustees of Ancora as she is relocating.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **COVID-19 Updates**
 - Since the beginning of the pandemic there have been a total of 940 positive staff members and 290 positive patients. It has been 7 days since the facility has had a positive patient and 1 day since a staff was positive. Currently, we have 0 patients on an isolation unit. Administration is encouraging unvaccinated staff to get their COVID-19 vaccine. At APH 70% of the patients 93% of the staff members are vaccinated. As of today, 163 patients (53%) have received the Booster shot and 1,188 staff members (99%) have received the Booster shot.
- **Active Treatment Report**
 - The week of June 18 – June 24, 2022, there were 899 programs available to the patients through Rehab, Social Services, and the Psychology Department. The Weekend and Leisure activity groups held 69 groups with 445 patients attending. All services are offered in person, NA/AA are held virtually.

- **Virtual Visitation Summary**

- During the week of June 18 – June 24, 2022, there were 14 virtual visits and 35 Indoor visits held with the patient’s family/loved ones. A weekly total of 49 visits.

- **CEPP/Discharge Report**

- APH current census is 309 patients, 107 patients (35%) are on CEPP status, stable and ready for discharge. APH team has worked very hard to stabilize and discharge patients despite barriers from the COVID-19 pandemic. There are 58 (54%) of patients on CEPP Status for less than 4 months. There are 49 (46%) of patients on CEPP status for over 4 months. Total Admission for this month were 21 with 21 discharges. There are 3 anticipated discharges this week. The teams continue to work with the patients regarding discharge.

ROUNDTABLE:

- Diane Conover extended an invitation to Board member, Beth Schermerhorn, to attend the Challenge Coin Presentation at APH. Senior Leaders from the Department of Health will be onsite to distribute “challenge coins” to all permanent staff who were employed by NJDOH prior to January 1, 2022, to commemorate their efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic. Deputy Commissioner Hartel and Commissioner Persichilli (schedule permitting) will visit Ancora Psychiatric Hospital to personally present coins to *select* staff, who have gone above and beyond what was required during this difficult time.
- Mr. Morrison forwarded a request for additional Board members to Ms. Hartel’s office in Central Office. Mr. Morrison also noted that APH has passed the validation survey and will soon receive the official accreditation letter.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., via teleconference.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Murray
Program Specialist 1

Reviewed by,
Cynthia Vetrano
Deputy Chief Executive Officer