

CSB Attendees: Adrienne Abbate, Sarah Church, Cheryelle Cruickshank, Cheryle Hinds-Leslie, Dwight Kemp, Joanne Siegel, Karmita Morgan-Randall, Eman Rimawi-Doster, Sidney Hankerson, Stephanie LeMelle, Miriam Prat-Jerez

Call to Order: 10:35 AM

Welcome Remarks

- Sidney Hankerson, MD, Chair of the CSB, called the meeting to order and led introductions, including the approval of 2026 Q1's minutes.
- Dr. Jorge Petit, Executive Deputy Commissioner and Co-Chair introduced himself to the CSB members and highlighted his expectations for local services planning moving forward, utilizing the CSB to its maximum potential and prioritizing the work ahead to mitigate impacts of H.R.1 on our most vulnerable populations.

Review of the 2024-2027 Local Services Plan

- Assistant Commissioners Jamine Neckles (Bureau of Mental Health), John Yates (Bureau of Health Promotion for Justice-Impacted Populations) and Janice Chisholm (Bureau of Community Awareness, Action, Response and Engagement) spoke to the completed objectives for the final year of LSP updates for the 2024-2027 submission cycle
 - After opening for questions, CSB member Joanne Siegel elevated the social isolation that youth with autism face. Believing that the club house model is good and should be replicated for those on the spectrum, Siegel says this should be considered for the next LSP cycle (2028-2031)
 - CSB member Stephanie LeMelle states that The Door captures the essence of clubhouses with mental health and legal services. She questions if other services in NYC have similar models and suggests that the Health Department investigates it further.
 - In response to Objective 2.3, CSB member Miriam Prat-Jerez brings up issue of consent/guardianship delays in mental health services consultation, funding, and legal limitations as barriers to the foster care system
 - EDC Dr. Petit states that admin is emphasizing cross-agency collaboration with city agencies to get to the root of systemic issues
 - In response to Objective 1.6, CSB member Adrienne Abbate and Cheryle Hinds-Leslie says language should be more inclusive (ex: include integrated care, making it more youth and user friendly)

NYC Health Department H.R.1 Response Workgroup

- Executive Deputy Commissioner Dr. Jorge Petit gives a presentation on the H.R.1 workgroup that launched in the Division of Mental Hygiene on June 10th, the listening tours that will launch across the five boroughs this summer to capture the coverage gaps and H.R.1 as a standing agenda item, and the critical deadlines, recaps on the exemptions of community engagement requirements, and what will and will not change regarding eligibility requirements.
 - CSB member Sarah Church inquires about "medically frail" still not being clarified
 - EDC Dr. Petit replies by stating that the Office of Mental Health (OMH) and Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) are reviewing and determining operational definitions. The state Health Department ultimately will need to define the categorization and determinations.
 - CSB member Joanne Siegel states that medical frailty for DD populations → people are being questioned about what they're doing; care coordinators and other people on the ground are feeling pressured and that documentation is being asked for already.
 - CSB member Dwight Kemp recommends engagement in treatment services qualify as work requirements

- Dr. Kemp refers to his policy brief on behalf of Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn and the role of our communities in making recommendations for work requirements and medical frailty definitions.
 - EDC Dr. Petit says the CSB can make recommended speaking points, or an official letter, weighing the exemption from work – do we do a blanket exemption?
 - CSB Member Joanne Siegel states that employment-based healthcare vs. universal based health is the crux of the issue.
 - Further barriers: OMB as a roadblock. If it is all about making cuts, HR1 expenses should be elevated to move the pendulum to prevent wasteful spending
 - CSB Chair Hankerson proposes drafting a letter to the state with Dr. Kemp's policy brief as the framing
 - Dr. Kemp to take lead and Dr. Petit can provide feedback
 - Potentially invite the state (Bob Moon) to Q3's meeting
 - CSB member Miriam Prat-Jerez states that a static definition is needed as we think about this, we need a clause so they can re-enter or maintain benefits.
 - Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working People with Disabilities – build that in and make it clear

Wrap-up

- CSB member Cherylle Cruickshank applauds CYF-DD for their I/DD concept papers and suggests that including more culturally competent/sensitive services to empower organizations to be bold and offer services to immigrant communities impacted by federal legislation
- CSB Chair Hankerson reiterates:
 - Q3 meeting is on Tuesday, September 8, 2026
 - Senior Planning Analyst, Naomi Legros will follow-up with bureau updates sent electronically, sending the InUnity report, and collaborating with CSB member Dwight Kemp on establishing smaller workgroups for the CSB position paper and policy briefs on Medicaid Work Requirement Exemptions.
 - Comments for the I/DD concept paper regarding Article 16 clinical services is due on June 18th – link is provided in follow-up communication.
 - CSB Chair Sidney Hankerson will provide information on the Global Youth Mental Health Summit being held at the United Nations this summer.
- CSB Chair Hankerson brought the meeting to a close.

Meeting adjourned: 11:52 AM