

CSB Attendees: Cheryelle Cruickshank, Edie Weber, Joanne Siegel, Lisa Veglia

DOHMH Staff: Reyana McKenzie, Kirklyn Escondo, Janice Chisholm

Action items:

- NYC DOHMH to arrange for a speaker from BCAARE to join the next CSB DD meeting to share more information on new intervention services that aim to prevent justice involvement among youth with behavioral health lived experience, including I/DD.
- NYC DOHMH to provide an overview of DD-related items in the Needs Assessment portion of the recently submitted NYC LSP at the next CSB DD meeting.

Call to Order: 8:35 AM

Welcome Remarks

- Dr. Janice Chisholm, Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Community Awareness, Action, Response, and Engagement (BCAARE) at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH), welcomed the members of the Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee (DD) of the NYC Community Services Board (CSB).

Member Updates

- CSB DD members provided updates on recent activities of the NYC Developmental Disabilities Councils, including advocacy against Medicaid Managed Care due to the city's limited infrastructure to support managed care particularly for children and transitional youth with disabilities.

Discussion on Local Services Plan and 2024-2027 Term Planning

- Kirklyn Escondo, former Coordinator for the CSB and NYC Local Services Plan (NYC LSP), provided an overview of DD items in the Goals and Objectives portion of the recently submitted NYC LSP, and invited CSB DD members to provide additional input on DD-related priorities for the 2024-2027 LSP cycle.
- CSB DD members identified two priority issue areas to continue discussing in 2024, including:
 - **Workforce:**
 - CSB DD member Lisa Veglia identified a nationwide shortage of behavioral health workers, especially providers who are trained to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Lisa identified staffing as a central priority for the DD sector, and all present CSB DD members agreed.
 - CSB DD member Joanne Siegel shared that I/DD providers in the public sector historically receive significantly lower pay compared to the private sector, and CSB DD member Edie Weber agreed that low wages contributes to a 'crisis of management' approach in the DD sector.
 - CSB DD members also identified burnout as a significant factor to the shortage of I/DD providers.
 - **Youth Behavioral Health:**
 - CSB DD member Cheryelle Cruickshank shared that children and transitional youth with I/DD, including those who are dually-diagnosed, are particularly at risk for poor outcomes and don't receive enough services to meet their unique needs. Lisa Veglia agreed and shared that services for youth with I/DD are particularly impacted by the workforce crisis.
 - Edie Weber shared that limited funding for both early intervention services and services for dually-diagnosed children contribute to the unmet need.
 - CSB DD members also discussed the need for improved support services for parents with children with I/DD, and highlighted high rates of justice involvement of youth with I/DD.

- Dr. Chisholm suggested that a speaker from BCAARE join the next CSB DD meeting to share more information on new intervention services that aim to prevent justice involvement among youth with mental hygiene-related lived experience.
- NYC DOHMH agreed to provide an overview of DD-related items in the Needs Assessment portion of the recently submitted NYC LSP at the next CSB DD meeting and will invite additional input from the CSB DD members.

Additional Comments & Wrap Up

- Dr. Chisholm provided a recap on the discussion and adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 9:44 AM