



**DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (DBHS)  
ANCORA PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
March 22, 2022**

The Ancora Psychiatric Hospital (APH) Board of Trustees meeting was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 1:30 pm via Microsoft TEAMS.

**Attendance:** Emily Baggett, Trustee  
Diane Conover, Program Specialist 3  
Gregory Henderson, Supervisor of General and Support Services  
Allen Masry, MD, Acting Medical Director  
Beth Schermerhorn, Trustee via tele-conference  
Cynthia Vetrano, Acting CEO, Deputy CEO, Clinical Operations

**Excused:** Sheree, Fitzgerald, RN, Acting Deputy CEO, Clinical Services

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- The December 14, 2022, and February 22, 2022, minutes are tabled. No approval of minutes or motions can be conducted without the Chairperson present. DOH was sent a notification of Mayor Barry Wright's death, a new member will need to be appointed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Effective March 28, 2022, Mr. Christopher Morrison is the selected CEO for Ancora Psychiatric Hospital.
- Effective March 14, 2022, Ms. Nancy Bill is the new Human Resources Manager. Ms. Bill brings 32 years of experience to this position. Ms. Bill will strengthen the hospital leadership team and contribute to the mission of the hospital.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **COVID-19 Updates**
  - Since the beginning of the pandemic there have been a total of 900 positive staff members and 275 positive patients. It has been 53 days since the facility has had a positive patient and 8 days since a staff was positive. Currently, we do not have any quarantine or isolation units. Administration is encouraging unvaccinated staff to get their COVID-19 vaccine. At APH 71% of the patients 94% of the staff members are vaccinated. As of today, 153 patients (81%) have received the Booster shot and 1,064 staff members (88%) have received the Booster shot.
  - On January 19, 2022, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 283 mandating that all employees in Healthcare settings must receive primary and booster series COVID-19 vaccinations. This applies to DBHS personnel to include employees, contracted staff, consultants, temporary workers, trainees, volunteers, students, vendors, union representatives and non-employee

personnel who provide services in the DBHS. In accordance with the rule, all DBHS staff must be vaccinated against COVID-19. Employees who did not receive their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccination by January 27, 2022, were suspended without pay through the Louder mill process. Prior to this date employees had the right to submit a religious or medical exemption to be reviewed and approved by Central Office. Religious exemptions were reviewed by Central Office staff and attorneys and were based on the validity and impact on the facility as cause for denial.

• **Active Treatment Report**

- The week of March 13 – March 19, 2022, there were 1,082 programs available to the patients through Rehab, Social Services, and the Psychology Department. The Weekend and Leisure activity groups held 80 groups. All services are offered in person, NA/AA are held virtually.

• **Virtual Visitation Summary**

- During the week of March 13 – March 19, 2022, there were 21 virtual visits and 11 Indoor visits held with the patient’s family/loved ones. A weekly total of 32 visits.

• **CEPP/Discharge Report**

- APH current census is 303 patients, 86 patients (28%) 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 49% of patients on CEPP Status for less than 4 months. There are 51% of patients on CEPP status for over 4 months. Total Admission for this month were 24 with 19 discharges. There are 7 anticipated discharges this week. The teams continue to work with the patients regarding discharge.

**ROUNDTABLE:**

- Mr. Morrison forwarded a request for additional Board members to Ms. Hartel’s office in Central Office.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Luchenburg  
Program Specialist 1

Reviewed by,  
Cynthia Vetrano  
Acting Chief Executive Officer