



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

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

Attendance: Emily Baggett, Trustee
Diane Conover, Program Specialist 3
Sheree, Fitzgerald, RN, Acting Deputy CEO, Clinical Services
Gregory Henderson, Supervisor of General and Support Services
Beth Schermerhorn, Trustee via tele-conference
Cynthia Vetrano, Acting CEO, Deputy CEO, Clinical Operations

Excused: Allen Masry, MD, Acting Medical Director
Barry Wright, Mayor, Trustee via teleconference

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- The December 14, 2022, minutes were tabled. No approval of minutes or motions can be conducted without the Chairperson present. Mayor Wright was unable to attend today's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **COVID-19 Updates**
 - The following NJ COVID-19 update is for February 22, 2022. Since the beginning of the pandemic there have been a total of 814 positive staff members and 275 positive patients. It has been 25 days since the facility has had a positive patient and 1 day since a staff was positive. We do not current have any quarantine or isolation units. Administration is encouraging unvaccinated staff to get their COVID-19 vaccine. At APH 71% of the patients 89% of the staff members are vaccinated. As of today, 144 patients (49%) have received the Booster shot and 903 staff members (78%) have received the Booster shot.
 - On January 13, 2022, the Supreme Court allowed the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) vaccine mandate to go into effect nationwide. 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. The rule details that this occurs in two phases:

- **Phase 1** – by January 27, 2022, all staff must receive, at minimum, the first dose of a primary series (i.e., Moderna or Pfizer) or a single dose (i.e., Johnson & Johnson) Covid-19 vaccine.
- **Phase 2** – by February 28, 2022, all staff who received Moderna or Pfizer will have concluded their primary series Covid-19 vaccine by receiving their second dose. Also, all staff who are eligible to receive the booster, must be boosted by this date.

Employees who did receive their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccination by January 27, 2022, were suspended without pay through the Louder mill process. The second dose of a COVID-19 vaccination must be received by February 28, 2022. Employees who have tested positive for COVID-19 recently are able to be vaccinated or boosted two weeks post infection. If any of these employees experience a severe case of COVID-19 or received monoclonal antibodies they must wait six months to receive a vaccine dose or booster.

- **Active Treatment Report**

- The week of February 13 – February 19, 2022, there were 1,152 programs available to the patients through Rehab, Social Services, and the Psychology Department. There were 885 group sessions, 120 individual Social Service sessions, 147 Psychology sessions. The Weekend and Leisure activity groups held 73 groups with 369 patients attending. All services are offered in person, NA/AA are held virtually.

- **Virtual Visitation Summary**

- During the week of February 13 – February 19, 2022, there were 14 virtual visits and 12 indoor visits held with the patient's family/loved ones. A weekly total of 26 visits.

- **CEPP/Discharge Report**

- APH current census is 293 patients, 86 patients (29%) 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 51% or 44 patients on CEPP Status for less than 4 months. There are 49% or 42 patients on CEPP status for over 4 months. Total Admission for this month were 19 with 19 discharges. There are 4 anticipated discharges this week. The teams continue to work with the patients regarding discharge.

ROUNDTABLE:

- None

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 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