

## Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council June 16, 2022 Held at OMH locations in Albany, NYC and Rochester

## **BHSAC Minutes**

### Members Attending:

Glenn Liebman, Chair Michael Orth Connie Wille Diane Blohm Angelica Durham Debra Pantin Ian Shaffer Kerry Whelan-Megley Sabina Lim Kathy Gardini David Woodlock Patrick Seche Donna Mae DePalo Robert Russell Michael Martin Laura Keleman Chacku Mathai Trish Marsik John Kastan

### **Public Comment Speakers:**

Avi Israel, Save the Michaels, Inc. Anne McCaffrey, Eastern Niagara Hospital David Godfrey, Niagara County CJ Urlaub, Mounty Saint Mary Hospital

### Meeting notes:

Chairman, Glenn Liebman welcomed the Council members and called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last full Council meeting. Motion was made, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Chair Liebman indicated he looks forward to the Commissioners' updates in September and the 988 update. The Chair noted to the Board that Patrice Wallace-Moore's term was done on BHSAC and acknowledged and thanked her for her over 9 years of service since 2013. Chair Liebman also indicated Susan Salomone had retired from the Board and thanked her for her 4 years of service. The Chair then announced Janet Paloski of OASAS will be retiring from OASAS and thanked her for her role in coordinating the Project Reviews for the agency. Indicated Janet's tremendous knowledge, efficiency and hard work will be a loss to the Board and greatly missed. Chair Liebman welcomed new Board Members, Angelica Durham and Joseph Turner.

### **Regulations:**

**NO OMH Regulations** 

## **OASAS Regulations:**

## Amend 14 NYCRR Part 810

Establishment, Incorporation and Certification of Providers of Addiction Services

OASAS is proposing amendments to Part 810 to further the agency mission of treating substance use disorder as a chronic medical condition and we continue to remove any unnecessary regulatory barriers to the provision of care. OASAS is updating the language used in this regulation consistent with amendments made to other OASAS regulations. These updates include using less stigmatizing and more person-centered terminology, using gender neutral language, updating the name of the Agency, and updating outdated definitions. Other amendments made were specifically to clarify certification requirements, and to include statutory language that has been added and/or updated since the time that the regulation was last updated. Standards for approving a certification application for full or administrative review was updated to clarify the policy requirement that 10% of the owners or principals or board members of an applicant program must have substantial experience directly providing or managing substance use disorder treatment services, as determined by the office.

## Recommendations from committee members include:

Recommendations to text:

• 810.7(a) remove specific percentage requirement for how much of the board should have substantial experience providing SUD treatment.

Recommendations for agency consideration:

- Look to increase boards include greater representation of BIPOC and people with lived experience. The committee urged that such representation be more than token.
- The committee urges OASAS to require more grassroots engagement with the community to be served as part of the provider approval process.
- The requirement that 10% of members of boards have prior substantial experience providing SUD treatment is excessive and would be difficult for nonprofits to fulfill. The committee did urge that the requirement itself be retained, just not the specific percentage.

*Vote:* There was Motion to approve, and it was then seconded. Approved unanimously with the condition that OASAS consider the changes above.

## **Project Reviews:**

## **OASAS Projects:**

**2021.070– Grand Union Holistic Solutions, LLC** submitted a Certification Application requesting approval of the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to become a new OASAS Provider of Part 822 Outpatient Treatment Services to be located at 1441 South Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Fl, Suite 601, Staten Island, New York 10314. The programs hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8am to 8pm and on Saturdays 9am to 12pm.

Grand Union's treatment philosophy is built on their belief in a multidisciplinary approach to addiction treatment for individual and families, blending the latest evidence-based practices utilizing a medical and psychological approach. All patients will be afforded services that are individualized to need including: an admissions assessment, medical services including ancillary withdrawal and medication assisted therapies, individual, group and family counseling, and treatment planning. Services will meet need identified in the Staten Island region. The Provider will accept private pay and commercial insurance. No OASAS funding is being requested. Grand Union is a newly formed LLC, established in July of 2020. The entity is owned by Jeffrey D. Klein (45%), Paul Gjonaj (45%) and Dr. Sangeet Khanna (10%). The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the OASAS Regional Office are in support of this proposal and recommended approval. OASAS recommended approval with the following contingencies: verification of the hiring of staff sufficient to meet regulatory requirements, final facility inspection, copy of the filing receipt from the NYS Department of State indicating that the amended Articles of Incorporation have been filed, a copy of the fully executed operating agreement and a copy of the fully executed lease agreement. The Project Review Committee unanimously recommended approval to the BHSAC Full Committee and the Full Committee gave a unanimous recommendation of approval for this application with one abstention.

2021.077 – Recovery Center of Niagara, LLC. (RCN) submitted a Certification Application requesting New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) approval to become a new OASAS Provider of Part 818 Inpatient Rehabilitation and Part 816.7 Medically Supervised Inpatient Withdrawal & Stabilization Service to be located at 2600 Williams Street, Newfane, New York 14108. The applicant proposes to open services in the former Eastern Niagara Hospital location. Their intent is to open a 25 bed Inpatient Rehabilitation program and a 15 bed Medically Supervised Withdrawal and Stabilization service. Recovery Center of Niagara describes their philosophy toward treatment as grounded in structure, empathy, and care. They plan to utilize a multitude of modalities including Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Motivational Interviewing (MI), Seeking Safety, group and individual therapy, and Medication Assisted Treatment options. Medication Management will be used to assist with managing client withdrawals. The Provider will accept State Medicaid. The entity is owned by Allen Zev Friedman (10%), Joel Basch (40%), Yosef Rabinowitz (40%) and Jamie Schwartz (10%). The Niagara County Department of Mental Health and the OASAS Regional Office are in support of this application and recommended approval. OASAS recommended approval with the following contingencies: final approval of sufficient staff to meet regulatory requirements and a copy of the filing receipt from the NYS Department of State indicating that the Amended Certificate of Incorporation containing the OASAS required language was filed, copy of the fully executed Lease Agreement containing OASAS' required right to re-entry language and OASAS review and acceptance of lending agreement to assist in sustaining services for an initial 6 month period. Members from the community spoke on behalf of this application. Some members oppose and others are in favor. Public Comment was provided by the following: Avi Israel, Save the Michaels, Inc.; Anne McCaffrey, Eastern Niagara Hospital; David Godfrey, Niagara County; and CJ Urlaub, Mounty Saint Mary Hospital. Due to a request for more information from the applicant and OASAS, this application was "chaired" until the September 2022 meeting.

2021.084 - Cattaraugus County Department of Community Services (CCDCS) submitted a Certification Application requesting New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) approval to become a new OASAS provider of Part 822 Outpatient Treatment Services at 1 Leo Moss Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 4308, Olean, New York 14760-1156. Services will be co-located within CCDCS's Article 31 Outpatient clinic which is licensed by Office of Mental Health (OMH). CCDCS plans to become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic for individuals with substance use, co-occurring and behavioral health disorders. Individualized treatment will include evaluation and assessment, psychoeducation, individual, group, family, relapse prevention, stress management, psychiatric care, psychotropic medication management, medication assisted treatment and crisis intervention services. Hours of operation will be Monday and Tuesday 8:00 am to 7:00 pm and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Cattaraugus Community Services Board has two individuals who meet OASAS criteria for board member composition with experience in the substance use disorder field. CCDCS holds two OMH licenses, both of which are in good standing with OMH. OASAS Regional Office submitted a recommendation for approval and OASAS recommended approval with one contingency: verification of the hiring of staff sufficient to meet regulatory requirements. The Project Review Committee unanimously recommended approval to the BHSAC Full Committee and the Full Committee gave a unanimous recommendation of approval for this application.

2022.002 – Pesach Tikvah Hope Development, Inc. submitted a Certification Application requesting Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) approval to become a new OASAS provider of outpatient services to be located at 926 Bedford Avenue in Brooklyn. Pesach Tikvah was granted CCBHC status by SAMHSA in 2019. They will offer patient centered, trauma informed care in their individual, group and family counseling services and will also offer Medication Assisted Treatment. Their focus will be on those with co-occurring disorders, however they will welcome those with addiction disorder only, as well. They anticipate serving approximately 100 clients per year. The hours of operation for this service will be Monday from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Friday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and Sunday from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Pesach Tikvah was incorporated in 1983 as a not-for-profit corporation whose purpose was to provide for the unmet needs of the local Orthodox and Hasidic Jewish communities and summer camp opportunities and residential facilities for developmentally disabled youth in Kings County. There are 10 board members, one of whom has acceptable experience in the substance abuse field. The entity is currently certified by the Office of Mental Health (OMH) to operate a clinic treatment program for adolescents, adults and children, and by the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) for multiple types of programming and in good standing with both agencies. The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the OASAS New York City Regional Office are in support of this application and recommended approval. OASAS recommended approval with the following contingencies: verification of the hiring of staff sufficient to meet regulatory requirements, a copy of the filing receipt from the New York State Department of State amending the certificate of incorporation to include the required operating language and a final physical plant inspection. The Project Review Committee unanimously recommended approval to the BHSAC Full Committee and the Full Committee gave a unanimous recommendation of approval for this application.

2022.016 - Surfpoint Recovery, LLC (Surfpoint) submitted a Certification Application requesting New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) approval to become a New OASAS Provider of Part 818 Inpatient Rehabilitation (15 beds) and Part 816 Medically Supervised Withdrawal and Stabilization Services (25 beds) to be located at the former Surfpoint Manor Nursing Home at 2316 Surf Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11224. Services provided in both levels of care will include, screening assessments, individual and group counseling, medication assisted therapies, peer supports and transition planning which includes linkages to aftercare services within the patient's community of residence. Surfpoint describes their philosophy toward treatment as grounded in structure, empathy, and care. They plan to utilize a multitude of modalities including Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Motivational Interviewing (MI), Seeking Safety, group and individual therapy, and Medication Assisted Treatment options. Medication Management will be used to assist with managing client withdrawals. The Provider will accept State Medicaid. The entity is owned by Allen Zev Friedman (10%), Joel Basch (40%), Yosef Rabinowitz (40%) and Jamie Schwartz (10%). The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the OASAS Regional Office are in support of this application and recommended approval. OASAS recommended approval with the following contingencies: final approval of sufficient staff, and a copy of the filing receipt from the NYS Department of State indicating that the Amended Certificate of Incorporation containing the OASAS required language was filed, and OASAS review and acceptance of lending agreement to assist in sustaining services for an initial 6-month period. The Project Review Committee unanimously recommended approval to the BHSAC Full Committee with one abstention, and the Full Committee gave a unanimous recommendation of approval for this application, with three abstentions.

**2022.019** – Westfall Associates, Inc. submitted a Certification Application requesting the approval of the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) for a change in Ownership. Charles Montante will be the sole owner of Westfall Associates, Inc., located at 919 Westfall Road, Rochester, as a result of the passing of Anthony Costello, a former majority owner. There will be no changes to services, staffing or policies and procedures related to the change in ownership. The Monroe County Office of Mental Health and OASAS Regional Office submitted their recommendation to support the application and recommended approval. OASAS recommended approval with no contingencies required. The Project Review Committee unanimously recommended approval to the BHSAC Full Committee and the Full Committee gave a unanimous recommendation of approval for this application with one abstention.

**2022.024** –**Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc**. (MHA of Westchester), submitted a Certification Application requesting OASAS' approval to become a New OASAS Provider of Outpatient services to be located at 360 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains. MHA of Westchester is a designated CCBHC currently operating an Article 31 Mental Health clinic at this site and requesting to add addiction services. MHA's philosophy is a whole person approach in which they strive to provide a person-centered, trauma-responsive, recovery-oriented, culturally sensitive model of care that is harm reduction focused. MHA plans to offer a complete array of services including individual and group counseling for individuals and families, peer support, education, medication assisted treatment, comprehensive evaluation, specialty groups in line with client needs, outreach, self-help groups, and referral to ancillary

services. They believe there is "no wrong door" for clients with co-occurring challenges and making services accessible to all. The applicant plans to serve approximately 180 clients annually. This service will operate Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 8:30 pm, and Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Mental Health Association of Westchester was incorporated in 1946, originally as the Mental Hygiene Association of Westchester County, Inc. MHA of Westchester has twenty Board members, one of whom has the required previous experience in the substance use disorder treatment field. They are certified by the Office of Mental Health (OMH) and provide residential services and are in good standing with that agency. The Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health and OASAS Regional Office are in support of this application and recommended approval. OASAS recommended approval with the following contingencies: Copy of filing receipt from the NYS Department of State indicating that the Amended Certificate of Incorporation containing the OASAS required language was filed, verification of the hiring of staff sufficient to meet regulatory requirements, appointment of a second Board member with experience in SUD treatment, and OASAS review and acceptance of policies and procedures. The Project Review Committee unanimously recommended approval to the BHSAC Full Committee with one abstention, and the Full Committee gave a unanimous recommendation of approval for this application.

2022.045– Cazenovia Recovery, Inc submitted a Certification Application requesting the approval of the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) for a Capital Project. This action is to renovate and preserve an existing 12,348 sq. ft building which currently houses 16 women and 12 children under Part 820 Residential Services. The new space will allow for an increase in beds to accommodate 21 women and 13 children The proposed renovations will include the addition of an elevator, renovations to the kitchen area to increase its size, HVAC improvements to provide proper ventilation, particularly in bathroom areas, addition of confidential meeting rooms, group space, as well as a safe space for mandated supervised visitation. The renovations will also include a dedicated childcare area, repair walkways, and improve lighting to the exterior of the facility. Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc. was founded in the early 1980s as a shelter for young men suffering from alcoholism. In 1980 the Friends of Cazenovia Manor, Inc. was established in the Buffalo area and was the first residential program for men with alcohol dependence. In the late 80's they developed the first recovery care home in New York State. In 2016, Cazenovia Recovery Systems began operating Madonna House, the subject of this action. The provider has continued to grow their programming, now operating nine OASAS-certified programs throughout Erie and Niagara Counties and are in good standing with OASAS. The Niagara County Department of Mental Health Services and the OASAS Regional Office are in support of this application and recommended approval. OASAS recommended approval with one contingency. OASAS inspection and approval of the completed facility. The Project Review Committee unanimously recommended approval to the BHSAC Full Committee with one abstention, and the Full Committee gave a unanimous recommendation of approval for this application with one abstention.

### **OMH Projects:**

**MH-D-2857: Forestdale, Inc.** This application is a request to establish a Children's Mental Health Rehabilitation Services (CMHRS) program based in Queens County. Forestdale, Inc. has

a history of over 160 years of service in Brooklyn and Queens. The agency was established in 1854 by a group of local women in Brooklyn who founded the Brooklyn Industrial School Association and Home for Destitute Children. The goal of the school was to teach poor children basic trade skills. By 1880 the organization was operating five schools in multiple neighborhoods. With the emergence of the public school system in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century the organization's focus changed to providing residential care for abused and/or abandoned children and changed its name to The Brooklyn Home for Children. In 1941 the agency was bequeathed a parcel of land in Forest Hills, Queens to build a residential campus. It also launched its foster boarding home program. By 1980, following the changes of the times, the agency adjusted its focus to foster care and adoption, no longer providing a residential program, and changed its name to Forestdale, Inc. The provider had indicated that the diversity of the proposed program's service area, Queens in particular, is a primary reason for its need. With 47% of the population being foreign born (U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019), an estimated 560,000 being undocumented, and 12% living below the poverty line; the risk for mental health challenges within the family are more likely. Other areas of concern are the increased chances of familial and intimate partner abuse, substance use disorders, and engagement with the child welfare system. Kings County has a rather high population density of 36,732 people per square mile. It has also experienced large economic and cultural growth in communities such as Park Slope and Fort Greene, while other areas have not. Several community districts continue to be considered having a moderate-high risk across the six domains of child and family well-being (Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, 2020). The over 1.2 million residents enrolled in Medicaid supports the existence of this economic gap, which in turn supports a need for services to be available for those experiencing barriers to equity, histories of trauma and abuse, addiction, domestic violence, and untreated mental health concerns. The proposed program will provide needed interventions for families and children at risk in their community. With services being provided in the community children and youth are given the opportunity to work within a practical situation, and develop skills to maintain their own wellness, which in turn decreases the need for more services over time. The applicant is in substantial compliance with other Government agencies (OCFS). Reviewer's Comments and Conditions: Provide a filing receipt for the amended Articles of Incorporation; Provide a completed attestation for Telehealth services; Submit a revised incident review committee policy; Describe the cultural competency training, and its frequency, to be provided to staff; Submit a revised supervision plan; Complete the CFTSS/CMHRS provider designation process; and Contact the NYC Field Office to schedule a preoccupancy visit. Committee members asked for more information about how unlicensed services, related to CFTSS/CMHRS would be funded. The applicant provided information about funds available and funding streams within the organization. Language access was brought up in the discussion as well. The provider indicated that they have Spanish speaking staff and recently hired a Mandarin speaker, they stated they will work to bring in more multi-lingual staff as the need presents itself. The members also inquired about an explanation of the contract therapists, and the plan for how they would be used and supervised in the program. There was also some discussion regarding health homes. When questioned about youth supports and family advocates on staff the provider indicated that their peer staff covers all of the indicated areas. The discussion also addressed an error in the budget on the summaries. A motion to vote on the project was made, and seconded. The vote was unanimous for approval.

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### MH-B-2866: St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center

St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center is requesting to establish an Article 31 Clinic Treatment Program that will be co-located and integrated with their current Article 32 Outpatient Program. St. Joseph's currently operates five Article 32 Outpatient programs and two satellites licensed by the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS). They have been providing mental health services to individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders under the July 2008 Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of Mental Health (OMH) and OASAS, a DSRIP 3.a.i. waiver, and a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Expansion Grant from SAMHSA. In providing mental health services to their current clients with co-occurring diagnoses they have seen a growing need for additional mental health services. The Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) tool indicates that Franklin County needs at least 2.28 additional mental health professionals. Based on the US Census Data (2019) there are 52,022 individuals in Franklin County of which 3,341 suffer from major depression. PSYCKES data indicates that in Franklin County the utilization rate of inpatient beds and emergency departments is more than the statewide average. In addition to this data, other mental health providers in the region are experiencing a two week wait from assessment to the first visit. The establishment of an Article 31 Clinic Treatment Program will allow St. Joseph's to provide integrated mental health and substance use disorder services to a larger population of individuals and meet community needs. The applicant is in substantial compliance with other Government agencies While St. Joseph's does not currently operate any licensed OMH programs they do provide mental health services to clients of their Article 32 Outpatient Program under a DSRIP 3.a.i. waiver. Reviewer's Recommendations are to Confirm if Psychiatric Consultation will be provided as an optional service; Provide a projected budget for the initial five years of operation; Provide the filing receipt for the amended Articles of Incorporation; Complete Staff Exclusion List (SEL), Criminal Background Check (CBC), and State Central Registry (SCR) clearances for all staff; and Successfully complete a pre-occupancy visit with the Central New York Field Office OMH is recommending conditional approval. Committee members asked for more information about the provider's intent to have peers on staff. The provider stated they are looking to have peers that are duly certified, they are finding it challenging to find youth and family peers. The use of Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and being Sanctuary Certified were discussed as well. They discussed the fact that many of the staff being hired are trauma informed, have backgrounds in multi-dimensional family treatments, solid family and children treatment experience, and long-standing family program within the Article 32 setting. All staff are trained in treating families. The discussion also covered insurance billing and plans going forward. A motion to vote on the project was made, and seconded. The vote was unanimous for approval.

### MH-D-2877: Yaldeinu Health, Inc.

Yaldeinu seeks to establish an article 31 CFTSS: Children's Mental Health Rehabilitation Services to serve the communities of Kings County. Services will be provided Sunday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Yaldeinu Health, Inc. (Yaldeinu) was established this year by Yaldeinu School, a corporation under a school charter by the Department of Education, for the purposes of operating OMH certified outpatient programs. Yaldeinu School was founded in 2006 as a special education school to support children within the Hasidic/Orthodox Jewish community struggling with autism and other behavioral issues. While the organization has specialized in serving the Hasidic/Orthodox Jewish community, its services are available to all members of the community and is committed to providing services in the recipients' preferred languages and will be mindful

of their diverse cultural backgrounds. Currently, Yaldeinu provides a broad range of childspecific services to children residing in Brooklyn, NY, including educational support to families, summer camps, recreational activities, respite services, after-school programs, community habilitation, prevocational services, supported employment, family education and training, family support, counseling, behavior plan development, behavior plan implementation, among other services. In 2014 Yaldeinu received certification from the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to deliver services including Community Habilitation, Respite, Intensive Behavioral Services, Family Education and Training and Fiscal Intermediary. It currently serves over 150 children in their homes and/or community locations. Yaldeinu presents as a well-resourced organization committed to expanding services in the community and, as with this proposed program, will continue to recruit highly skilled staff and ensure their appropriate training in Evidence Based Practices. The Borough Park community where Yaldeinu is located has a population where 30.8% of the residents and 47.2% of all children are below the poverty level, compared to 15.6% and 26.8%, respectively, for the rest of NYC. 75% of those currently served by Yaldeinu are considered low-income based on their eligibility for free and reduced school lunches. Yaldeinu indicates that while there are mental health support services available within the community, to which Yaldeinu has referred clients, these are very few and, with Borough Park's population rapidly increasing, there are extensive wait lists at their programs. Given the unique cultural and language requirements of the Hasidic/Orthodox Jewish community, the experience with this community positions Yaldeinu with the ability to create a supportive and caring environment for those seeking help with mental illness. The proposed services would also alleviate the current shortage of mental health services available to the communities of Brooklyn. The applicant is in substantial compliance with other Government agencies and OPWDD reports Yaldeinu's certified program is found to be in good standing based on their most recent evaluation. Reviewer Recommendations are to have a satisfactory preoccupancy site visit report from the NYC Field Office. Committee members asked for more information regarding the programs plan for off hours, how they will integrate into the community, and the fact that there is only .1 FTE Peer on the staffing plan. The provider responded by stating that they have identified two individuals to receive training for peer work, and that challenges regarding stigma and the role being bigger than anticipated as being challenges in the hiring process. They discussed the evidence-based treatments and how they are applying what was learned at a system of care conference regarding AOT, full range of staff trained in motivational interviewing, and DBT. Autism Spectrum Disorders were discussed, the environmental issues combined with social and emotional concerns in addition to the cooccurring and complex addition recipients. The provider reinforced their motivation to be a part of meeting the treatment needs of the community as a whole. A motion to vote on the project was made, and seconded. The vote was unanimous for approval.

#### **Council for Treatment Equity:**

Carmelita Cruz introduced her new position as the Executive Equity Officer for the Office of Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (JEDI). She provided an overview of the new Equity Committee, the legislation and charge to the Council. Carmelita indicated members were nominated by the Senate Majority and Minority, and Assembly Majority and Minority, however other members of BHSAC can serve. OASAS will be seeking interest in serving on the Council from BHSAC members. Carmelita introduced Patrick Totarro as a new OASAS lawyer and who will be taking over the OASAS regulations role.

# Closing:

Chairman Glenn Liebman thanked the Council for their discussions. He indicated 988 had a soft launch and that the Council will need to be engaged as there will be regulation and project development issues. He then wished everyone a wonderful Summer. The committee adjourned at 2:50 pm. The next meeting will be scheduled for September 22, 2022.