

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Alcohol & Substance Abuse Subcommittee

July 7, 2021

Members Present: Shari Weiss, Chair; Shawn Butler; Sarah Dawson; Timothy Donovan; Michael Greene; Gary Mann; JoLynn Mulholland; Laurie Piccolo; Brian Schenck

Members Excused: Laurie Piccolo

Guests Present: Ashley Short, Caroline Dixon; Rick Hansinger; Monika Salvage; Mica Gonzalez; Kevin Hares; Carol Colvin

Staff: Jennifer Coughlin, CCCMHC

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Shari Weiss called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Chair Weiss welcomed the Subcommittee and introductions were made. Quorum was present.

- ❖ Shari welcomed Sarah Dawson a newest ASAS member.
- ❖ Discussion took place regarding a replacement for Shawn Butler on this committee as he will be retiring from the Auburn Police Department effective July 16th.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – None this month.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Members were emailed a *draft* of the June 2, 2021 minutes. On a motion by Shawn Butler, seconded by JoLynn Mulholland, the June 2, 2021 minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IV. AGENCY REPORT Q & A

Reports were provided prior to the meeting. It was noted on several of the reports that staffing remains an issue. Discussion took place on how the various agencies are handling being understaffed and the challenges they are facing in the area of recruitment. The following was highlighted from the submitted reports:

- ❖ Nick's Ride: They have a staff member who is preparing for Certified Recovery Peer Advocate testing.
- ❖ CHAD: They hired a second peer advocate through funding from the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant.
- ❖ Sheriff's Department: Brian updated that they are creating an area within the jail for inmates working on recovery.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jennifer updated:

- ❖ The Local Services Plan has been submitted to the state and thanked everyone for their contributions.
- ❖ Ray Bizzari has a meeting scheduled with OASAS to discuss opioid use disorder and the implementation of treatments within the community.
- ❖ The new respite facility is open. A visual overview of how to find the information on the county website was provided.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- ✓ COVID-19 Updates
 - Gary Mann updated that the Rescue Mission is now reopened.
 - Carol Colvin updated that treatment court appearances are now being held in person. There is a picnic scheduled for August 28th and graduation in September.
 - Shari updated that in person ASAS meetings will resume in September. The meetings will be held at the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office.
 - Monika Salvage announced that the Cayuga County Office building will be fully open next week.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- ✓ HEALing Communities Study – Monika Salvage
 - Monika provided the following updates:
 - Narcan boxes have been placed in buildings across Auburn. These boxes are available for public use. If you need a box for your office or building, please contact Monika or Wally.
 - Working with Westminster Presbyterian Church on a prayer service for people in recovery. The prayer service will be held sometime in July or August.
 - There is a new communication campaign focusing on staying in treatment. The committee viewed the public service announcement that is being promoted in theaters and on local television stations.

Discussion took place regarding stigma and the need for campaigns to eliminate stigma.

Timothy Donovan announced he will be working with peers and staff from Nick's Ride to update the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Support booklets.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

JoLynn Mulholland updated that OASAS has partnered with NYS Department of Education to have school districts participate in the Youth Development Survey (YDS). Also updated that next month is National Overdose Awareness Month.

Timothy Donovan acknowledged Shawn Butler for his participation on this committee and his service to the community as the Auburn Police Chief.

Shari Weiss updated that the Cayuga Community Health Network, in partnership with ARISE, will be hosting a tenant workshop on Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and a landlord workshop on Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided for both workshops.

JoLynn Mulholland advised that if the DFCC does not receive their funding, her position on this committee will need to be filled.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. on a motion by Timothy Donovan and seconded by Brian Schenck. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula M. Rubano, Senior Clerk
Cayuga County Mental Health Center