

# Cayuga County Community Services Board

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## Alcohol & Substance Abuse Subcommittee

January 6, 2021

**Members Present:** Shari Weiss, Chair; Timothy Donovan; Michael Greene; Gary Mann; JoLynn Mulholland; Laurie Piccolo; Brian Schenck  
**Members Excused:** Shawn Butler  
**Members Absent:** Arianna Halter  
**Guests Present:** Lisa Forshee; Jason “Wally” Meyers; Monika Salvage; Ashley Short; Kevin Hares; Carol Colvin  
**Staff:** Jennifer Coughlin, CCCMHC

### I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Shari Weiss called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Chair Weiss welcomed the Subcommittee and introductions were made. Quorum was present.

### II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Timothy Donovan updated on the following:

- ❖ Cayuga County Support Groups (Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, and Alateen) – Due to the rise in COVID cases, all in-person meetings that are held in Auburn, Camillus, and Skaneateles have been suspended and moved to teleconferencing. In the August Abuse and Addictions column, there is a list of various Zoom meetings people can attend.
- ❖ Friends Helping Friends in Cayuga County, located in the Fingerlakes Mall, has been collecting donations of winter clothing. If you have any clients in need of winter clothing, please contact Friends Helping Friends. Their hours of operation are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There is access through the mall security guard to access clothing when their office is closed. In addition, the Salvation Army and Thrifty Shopper are also well-stocked with winter clothing.

### III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Members were emailed a *draft* of the December 2, 2020 minutes. On a motion by Brian Schenck, seconded by Timothy Donovan, the December 2, 2020 minutes were approved. Motion carried.

### IV. AGENCY REPORT Q & A

Reports were provided prior to the meeting.

Shari acknowledged that there are eight people who will be graduating from Treatment Court in January. Carol Colvin acknowledged the hard work from the participants and staff, especially during COVID.

**V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jennifer Coughlin updated:

- ❖ We received official notice from OASAS regarding the 20% withhold for the first quarter of 2021. This does not include housing. Monies from the HEALing Communities Grant will be used to offset the withhold for CHAD.
- ❖ Cayuga County vaccine rollout has begun. CHAD and Unity House have received links to register for the vaccine clinics. Jennifer will continue to send out information as it becomes available.
- ❖ Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team began in January in Cayuga County. OMH authorized additional slots through the Oswego County team to be used by Cayuga County. Oswego County will be administering this program. Jennifer will send out the referral form to the agencies. The 945 team has added Oswego County designees so they may submit information to 911.
- ❖ HEALing Communities - Monika Salvage updated she is compiling the data from 2020 and would like to share this information at the February or March meeting.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

Shari advised that in round two of the PPE loans, there is a provision to use money to purchase PPE. Timothy updated that he has acquired face masks and sanitizing solutions. If you need an emergency supply, please let Timothy know.

Lisa Forshee updated that she attended an OASAS webinar and learned that the Office of Disabilities, OMH, and OASAS are maintaining a database of immunizations for both staff and patients, which providers will need to update weekly.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS - None this month.**

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gary Mann updated that they will be hosting their annual Point in Time Count, which will take place Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Due to COVID, only CAP, Chapel House, and Auburn Rescue Mission will be able to participate in this event. If you are aware of any encampments, please let him know. Timothy has obtained gift cards from Dunkin' Donuts and other local businesses as a thank you to the volunteers.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m. on a motion by Timothy Donovan and seconded by JoLynn Mulholland. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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