

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Community Services Board

Minutes

February 27, 2020

Members Present: Laurie Piccolo, Chair; Elane Daly; Timothy Donovan; Abbas Ispahani, MD; Camille Johnson; Sheriff Brian Schenck; David Sealy; Jean Winne Petrosino; Shari Weiss.

Staff/Guests Present: Ray Bizzari, DCS, Monika Salvage, Project Manager, Mental Health Center (MHC).

Members Excused: Keith Batman; Theresa Humennyj, Vice Chair; Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson; Stephen Smith.

I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Laurie Piccolo called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. Roll was called; quorum is present. Introductions were made as the Board has a few new members in attendance.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – None.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Draft December minutes were emailed to Board members. On a motion by Dr. Ispahani, seconded by Timothy Donovan, minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS – Undersigned forgot to distribute financials; will be distributed at the March meeting.

VI. REPORT FROM OFFICERS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Mental Health Subcommittee – Chair Theresa Humennyj was not at today's meeting; Jean Winne Petrosino was asked to give a report. Satellite offices of the MHC are being established at the Union Springs Elementary School and at the Boyle Center. Discussion took place regarding trauma-informed care. The Mental Health Taskforce is busy planning May Mental Health Awareness month; working on having green lights in Downtown Auburn. It was noted that agencies need to attend the Subcommittee meetings on a more regular basis; Jennifer Coughlin will be sending a letter.

B. PWDD Subcommittee – This Subcommittee did not meet in February.

C. Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee – Some discussion took place regarding the chair position of this Subcommittee. Someone has volunteered to be chair, but they need to be appointed to the Subcommittee first. In the interim, Sheriff Schenck has offered to chair until a chair is appointed.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Update HEALing Communities Study – Monika Salvage, Project Manager

Monika gave an update. The ultimate goal is to decrease opioid deaths. Grant money is being used to develop a community-driven approach to address this issue. She, as project manager, coordinates the agencies and the Steering Committee, while the other grant staff involved with the Grant are looking at data that they are accumulating.

Ray Bizzari reported that the Drug Free Community Coalition did a survey in the schools; when it is complete, Ray will share with this Board. He discussed integrated behavioral health services at the jail. He also reported that Opiate Court is coming to Cayuga County (which will also include Meth). The MHC will be contracting with Liberty Resources to provide adult respite services. The MHC had a visit from the NYS Office of Mental Health for recertification which went well. Ray reported that some MHC staff recently went to a symposium and spoke. Raise the Age was discussed briefly. Every school district must have a Raise the Age Designee.

Dr. Ispahani excused at 1pm.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Nominating Committee Update** – The Nominating Committee did not meet this month.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Satisfaction Survey

Board Members were emailed the results of the MHC's Satisfaction Survey. Mostly positive responses – but parking is an issue.

- X. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Timothy Donovan mentioned an article on Seasonal Affective Disorder. He also announced that the Auburn Hunger Task Force will be providing daily meals at different locations and are in need of volunteers and donations. Sheriff Schenck reported that Molly and synthetic marijuana is becoming an epidemic which needs to be addressed in the near future.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Timothy Donovan and seconded by Camille Johnson, the meeting adjourned at 1:08pm. Motion carried. The next scheduled meeting of the Community Services Board is Thursday, March 26th at noon at the CAP office at 89 York Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Piwinski
CSB Secretary