

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

March 9, 2023

Members Present: Andrea Hansen, Kimberly Granato, Christopher Greene, Michele VanGiesen (joined at 12:07pm), Shannon Abate, Stephen Smith
Members Excused: Bob Granato, Katherine Dunchak
Members Absent: XXX
Staff/Guests Present: Lauren Walsh, Community Services Director, Elizabeth Burke, Deputy Director, CCCMHC; Josh Overstreet and Shelley Farrell, Prime Care Coordination; Beth Astramskas, OPWDD Regional Office; Joyce McGlynn, Lifeplan; Ray Richardson, Cayuga Centers; Elizabeth Signorelli, Staff Social Worker, CCCMHC

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Called to order by Stephen at 12:00pm. Introductions were made.
- II. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD** – None at this meeting.
- III. **REVIEW OF MINUTES** – Members were emailed a draft of the November 3, 2022 minutes. On a motion by Andrea, seconded by Kimberly, the minutes were approved as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. **LOCAL SERVICES PLAN** – Lauren shared that you can find the LSP on the Cayuga County Website. Due to COVID, the process has been overhauled. Next plan will be a four-year plan instead of the previous one-year plan.
- V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Governor's budget: continuing to support OPWDD and OMH. Hoping that there would be larger investments in the workforce. Expanding services and opportunities for independent living. Continuing commitment to expand crisis services for PWDD. Make rate increase permanent for those intensive behavioral services. Capital funding to create intensive treatment opportunities like units at the former Finger Lakes Developmental Center campus. Mobile crisis at CCCMHC will be moving forward; a new staff social worker was hired. Daytime mobile crisis will be up and running soon. March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Themes are celebrating progress so far and asking what the next steps are. Lauren will send material to Kelsey to send out.
- VI. **AGENCY REPORTS**
 - a. Arise – No representation.
 - b. Cayuga Centers – Undergoing renovations starting tomorrow. In April, they will officially be fully staffed. Looking for referrals for ComHab and respite; no waiting list.
 - c. Cayuga Counseling – No representation.
 - d. DDRO – Full compliance for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) settings is required starting March 17. Broadly: looking at group homes and making sure that the services they're providing are community-based. Making sure the homes are community-based and residents are accessing their communities. Check website for more information by searching for HCBS settings toolkit.
 - e. Exceptional Family Resources – No representation.
 - f. Gavras Center – No representation.
 - g. Mozaic – Heather O'Connell, Residential Director, will be the new representative. Holbert Street was closed since pre-COVID; looking to re-open that site. Some folks

from Clark Street will relocate to Holbert Street. Almost everyone who used to attend there will return. Close to capacity at most locations. If you have a referral, please reach out and they will get you placed or on a waitlist. Looking to add another gaming class; people who have not left their residences for the last three years have been willing to try this and getting out of their house for the gaming class. Hoping to get them into employment, community PreVoc, and other areas of interest once they've acclimated to leaving their homes. Moving forward with 180 renovations; will be complete between January and March of next year. Will be considered a community arts and technology center; doing a lot with robotics and VR for vocational programs. Will focus on employment and career exploration through the vocational program. Working with OPWDD for a 5-person home for younger individuals (aging out of school). Currently screening individuals on the referral list. Staffing and retention improving. Looking at alternatives to Camp Columbus; recognize the importance of Camp Columbus and acknowledge the disappointment of the community. It was not an easy decision. Andrea requested an updated list of services that Mozaic's clinic offers.

h. Unity House – No representation.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None discussed.


VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None discussed.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Kelsey announced that she has given her notice to CCCMHC. Her last day will be March 21, 2023. Dorothy Cooper will be taking over her responsibilities for this meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 12:38pm on a motion by Shannon and seconded by Andrea. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Cooper, Senior Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Cooper".