

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

March 10, 2022

Members Present: Stephen Smith (Chair), Shannon Abate, Timothy Donovan, Andrea Hansen, Kimberly Granato (left before adjournment), Lorie Fischer, Elizabeth Signorelli (left before adjournment)

Members Excused: Katherine Dunchak, Joan Meyers

Members Absent: None

Staff/Guests Present: Lauren Walsh, Director of Community Services; Elizabeth Burke, CCCMHC Deputy Director; Daniel Lesinski, Cayuga Centers; Michele VanGiesen, Mozaic; James Breslin, Gavras Center; Andrea Foote and Josh Overstreet, Prime Care Coordination; Becky Waldron, Cayuga Counseling Services; Shelly Farrell, Prime Care; Beth Astramskas, OPWDD; Meaghan Bellone, Person Centered Services

- I. **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER** – Called to order by Steve at 12:03pm. Introductions were made.
- II. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD** – None at this meeting.
- III. **REVIEW OF MINUTES** – Members were emailed a draft of the February 10, 2022 minutes. On a motion by Timothy, seconded by Shannon, the minutes were approved as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. **PRIME CARE PRESENTATION** – Mission is to partner with people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities to receive the services and supports they need to live their lives in the most meaningful way possible. Coverage through 39 counties in NYS. Eligibility: must meet diagnosis requirements; has occurred before the person reached aged 22; can be expected to continue indefinitely or permanently; causes a substantial handicap to a person's ability to function in society. Number for enrollment is 1-844-347-3168, option #1. Care Managers work with people to create a Life Plan to meet their unique needs and goals through a person-centered planning process. Unique to Prime Care: Student and Family Education Specialist who advocates for school-age children. Clinical team includes Director or Clinical Support, Clinical Support Specialists (Behavioral Health), and Registered Nurses. Andrea suggested to invite the Auburn superintendent/assistant superintendent to a PWDD subcommittee meeting to provide education on services offered. Steve suggested that Lauren reach out to the Auburn Enlarged City School District.
- V. **LOCAL SERVICES PLAN** – Not discussed this month.
- VI. **AGENCY REPORTS** – Agency reports were requested and sent prior to the meeting. Updated copies of the Agency Service Openings Chart were sent prior to the meeting.
 - **ARISE** – No representation.
 - **Cayuga Centers** – Continue to accept referrals for all services. Weekend respite most popular of all services; growing waiting list. Going to offer all-day activities on Saturdays. Recruitment of staff is slowly making progress. Really proud of continuity of services over the pandemic.
 - **Cayuga Counseling** – Working on starting social skills group at the end of April. Working on a presenter for a training in May or June. Taking referrals for service access. Walk-in hours are Tuesday-Friday, and Becky will send the walk-in information to Kelsey to

distribute. Almost fully-staffed, which has not been the case for 1.5-2 years. Medication management is available on-site; and three NPs are available through telehealth. Hoping to hire a fulltime NP very soon.

- **DDRO** – Crisis services for PWDD coming to region very soon. Thinking sometime in late spring/early summer they will be able to start taking on cases. Utilize START model. Provider is YAI, and they will have office space in East Syracuse and another space to be determined. Eventually will also have a crisis resource center, which will be able to provide crisis respite, stabilization, and planned respite for up to four people at one time. Andrea asked about in-person meetings in IRAs; Beth will look into this and get back to Andrea.
- **Gavras Center** – Submitting final capital grant on March 28. Project is for apartments in the previous Cayuga Elementary School. Some of these apartments will be reserved for PWDD.
- **Mozaic** – Working on contact list for distribution. Applying for an arts grant through NY State. Looking for full-time staff (music/art therapy); would be able to hire up to ten people with this grant. Also looking for drivers w/CDL license (\$18/hour w/benefits).
- **Onondaga Community Living** – No representation.
- **Unity House** – No representation.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Working with Mozaic on getting a prescriber for their clients. YAI would be interested in doing a presentation to the subcommittee; Lauren will connect them with Steve. Mobile Crisis will respond to a call for a person with developmental disabilities. Steve mentioned that if anyone had ideas for presenters, please reach out to him.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None to discuss.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – None to discuss.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None to discuss.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 12:54pm on a motion by Andrea and seconded by Timothy. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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