

# Cayuga County Community Services Board

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## PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

March 11, 2021

**Members Present:** Stephen Smith (Chair), Shannon Abate, Timothy Donovan, Katherine Dunchak, Lorie Fischer, Kimberly Granato, Andrea Hansen, Elizabeth Signorelli  
**Members Excused:** Joan Meyers  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Staff/Guests Present:** Shelley McLeod, Prime Care Coordination; Denise Vreeland, Mozaic; Daniel Lesinski, Cayuga Centers; Theresa Sheldon, OPWDD; Becky Waldron, Cayuga Counseling; Jennifer Coughlin, CCCMHC; Dan Kelley, Onondaga Community Living; Joyce McGlynn, Lifeplan; Vince Schmidt, OPWDD; Renee Choiniere, Unity House

- I. **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER** – Called to order by Steve at 12:00pm.
- II. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD** – None present.
- III. **REVIEW OF MINUTES** – Members were emailed a draft of the February 11, 2021 minutes. On a motion by Andrea, seconded by Shannon, the minutes were approved as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. **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** – Few more folks comfortable returning to services. Getting more usage of/requests for respite units. DayHab program is holding opportunities for folks who haven't returned yet. Many of those folks are waiting until they're vaccinated, and they're on waiting lists or have appointments. Looking at approx. six weeks. Weekday respite, weekend respite, CommHab all have openings. Daniel will send a link to a video of the new space (newly-renovated cottage) to Kelsey to share at next meeting.
  - **Cayuga Counseling** – Struggling to get social skills referrals, hoping to start a group in May. Planning a three-part Zoom training for May with Kathy O'Connell.
  - **DDRO** – Nothing to discuss.
  - **Gavras Center** – No representation.
  - **Mozaic** – Trying to open up sites when they can. State regulations on transport are a hurdle. 98% residential program vaccinated. Still have supervised apartment vacancies, one supported apartment vacancy (male), and one supervised apartment vacancy. Will not be opening Camp Columbus this year due to state capacity regulations.
  - **Onondaga Community Living** – Back at more than 100% capacity, have added a number of folks to their rosters over the last three months; starting to grow again.
  - **Unity House** – Had most residential individuals fully vaccinated. Some supportive apartment individuals declined. 50% staff have had at least one dose. Pretty short staffed in residential programs and DayHabs. Meeting regularly to try to mitigate. Screening for one opening in supportive apartment program (male). Accepting referrals for respite.
- V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Local Services Plan 2022 will be due in June. Going back to usual format. Add LSP to agenda for next month. Multiple people endorsed including

transportation on the 2022 LSP. Steve requested to review the 2020 LSP. Timothy endorsed including stigma on the 2022 LSP.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS** – None discussed.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS** – Timothy shared that in a meeting of the Homeless Task Force, discussion was had re: landlords condemning properties in response to not getting rent. Discussion as to how this is creating more homelessness. Timothy noted that the Westminster Presbyterian Church is opening doors to community for in person meetings.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Timothy will be sending his latest column for The Citizen on bereavement.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 12:44pm on a motion by Timothy and seconded by Kimberly. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelsey R. Marquart". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Kelsey R. Marquart, Senior Typist