

# Cayuga County Community Services Board

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## Mental Health Subcommittee

March 18, 2021

- Members Present:** Theresa Humennyj (Chair), Beth Dishaw, Jean Petrosino-Winne, Deborah Riester, Diane Schenck, Elizabeth Vuillemont
- Members Excused:** Katie Stott-Dennis
- Members Absent:** None
- Staff/Guests:** Ray Bizzari, Director and Jennifer Coughlin, Deputy Director, CCCMHC; Latisha Burke and Amy Sargent, Liberty Resources Mobile Crisis; Lindsey McNeilly, PROs; Cassie Flagler, Contact; Connie Wierzbicki, Helio Health; Judi Magee, Unity House

- I. Theresa called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.
- II. Draft minutes of the February meeting were emailed to members. On a motion by Diane, seconded by Beth, the February 18, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as submitted; motion carried.
- III. **Public to be Heard** – None this week.
- IV. **Director's Report** – Last year issued an RFP for adult peer respite. Liberty Resources won the contract through the RFP, but couldn't start anything new at that time due to COVID-19. After the state aid reductions went into effect, that money was used to keep existing programs whole instead. Restoration of 15% of the 20% cut. NYS budget prospects have vastly improved, Ray hopeful that the remaining 5% will be restored soon. Liberty Resources looking at a property today on Perry St. Current contract w/Unity House for one bed will be maintained until June 30. Shouldn't have a period of time where there's no access to adult respite and should actually have more opportunity to provide it. Working on adding peers from Nick's Ride/Liberty Resources to mobile crisis response. Eight suboxone clients have been admitted to CCCMHC. Currently averaging around 24 overdoses a month. Brought all staff back to CCCMHC, most are vaccinated. Did not have one workplace infection/transmission at either CCCMHC or DSS, very proud of that. 20% client population at CCCMHC has received at least one shot. LSP still has not been released by OMH/OASAS. Thinking about strategies on how to manage prescriber appts.
- V. **Local Services Plan** – 2022 LSP is due in June. 2021 plan was adapted to COVID-19. Theresa asked members if they wanted to do preliminary work on the LSP or wait until surveys are released. Would like to get as much feedback as possible from both consumers and service providers. Discussion on obtaining Medicare/Medicaid data. Discussion on engaging primary care doctors in mental health screening.
- VI. **Mental Health Task Force** – Has not met. Task Force will meet re: Mental Health Awareness Month in May. Ray reminded to reach out to Maureen Brennan as well to coordinate with Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.
- VII. **Agency Reports** – (reports received prior to this meeting have been reviewed by members)
  - a. Behavioral Health Unit – None discussed.
  - b. Cayuga Counseling Services – None discussed.
  - c. Contact Community Services – Call statistics discussed.
  - d. Evergreen – None discussed.
  - e. Hillside – None discussed.

- f. Liberty Resources – None discussed.
- g. PROs/Unity House – None discussed.

VIII. **Old Business** – None discussed.

IX. **New Business** – None discussed.

X. **Announcements** – None discussed.

XI. **Adjournment** – On a motion by Jean, seconded by Beth, the meeting adjourned at 12:50pm;  
motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelsey R. Marquart", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Kelsey R. Marquart, Senior Typist