

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Community Services Board

Minutes

March 25, 2021

Members Present via 8x8 Video Conference: Keith Batman; Elane Daly; Timothy Donovan; Abbas Isphani, MD; Camille Johnson; Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson; Jean Petrosino Winne; Sheriff Brian Schenck; David Sealy; Stephen Smith; Shari Weiss.

Members Excused: Laurie Piccolo, Chair.

Staff/Guests Present via 8x8 Video Conference: Ray Bizzari, DCS; Jason Meyers, Technical Assistance Coordinator of the HEALing Communities Study, Mental Health Center (MHC); Connie Wierzbicki, Helio Health.

I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Steve Smith chaired today's meeting; Chair Laurie Piccolo was excused from the meeting. Meeting was called to order at 12:05pm. Roll was called; quorum is present via 8x8 Video Conference Call.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – None today.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Draft January minutes were emailed to Board members. On a motion by Shari Weiss, seconded by Elane Daly, minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS – Board members referred to the handout titled *Proposed 2021 State Aid Allocations*. Ray talked about the 20 percent withholds of State Aid that happened at the end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021. The State budget proposed turning the 20 percent withholds to a permanent 5 percent cut. During the time of the withholds, agencies were made whole for 3rd and 4th quarters by the use of some Mental Health unallocated State Aid and some HEALing Communities Study funds; working on restoring 1st and 2nd quarters of 2021. Ray talked about Liberty Resources being awarded the contract for adult peer supported respite. State Aid that was earmarked for the adult crisis bed at Unity House will be repurposed and used toward the adult peer respite. We will keep the adult crisis bed at Unity House until the end of June 2021. Motion was made by Shari Weiss to accept the 2021 OMH/OASAS State Aid allocations per the handout distributed at today's meeting titled *Proposed 2021 State Aid Allocations*; motion was seconded by Timothy Donovan and carried.

VI. REPORT FROM OFFICERS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Mental Health Subcommittee – No report.

B. PWDD Subcommittee – Chair Steve Smith reported. Agencies talked about their reopening plans and how to keep everyone safe. They talked about how to get people vaccinated. The Subcommittee also reviewed the Local Services Plan. Cayuga Centers moved their respite from Fleming to one of the cottages on Hamilton Avenue; Cayuga Centers shared a video with the Subcommittee - the space was impressive.

C. Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee – Chair Shari Weiss reported. Monika Salvage, Project Manager of the HEALing Communities Study, gave a very informative presentation including data, Narcan distribution, reducing stigma, and increased peer involvement. The merger with OMH and OASAS was discussed, but this will be a long process. The Subcommittee also talked about MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) in the jail. At a different meeting, Shari learned that the Emergency Department is seeing a lot of high utilizers with significant behavioral health issues and drug use issues. Shari asked agencies to provide

brochures on the services they provide, and bring them to Shelly Sennett at Auburn Community Hospital. Timothy Donovan responded that he provides this information to the hospital and updates it about 5 times a year at the ED's request. He will contact Shelly regarding this request.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ray Bizzari reported during the Financial Report part of the meeting but emphasized that he is working on the State Aid reallocation. He noted that Cayuga County has a high overdose rate. The Clinic has begun treating about eight people who are addicted to opioids. Liberty Resources is looking for a place to provide adult respite. He talked about peers helping out with the Mobile Crisis program that is run by Liberty Resources. Ray mentioned that the Central NY Director's Planning Group is working on establishing crisis services for adults and children with developmental disabilities in our region; currently we are the only region without these services. The program is called START. He also reported that he continues to talk with the Cayuga County Legislature regarding his position.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Nominating Committee Update – No report, but undersigned asked the CSB to nominate Theresa Humennyj to the CSB for another term. Motion made by Keith Batman, seconded by Elane Daly and carried. Undersigned will send Theresa's name to the Cayuga County Legislature for appointment. Reminder to members to sign the Oath of Office book.

B. MOUD (Medication for Opioid Use Disorder) Capacity – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

C. State Aid Allocations – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

IX. New Business - None

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Timothy Donovan announced that he had an article in the Citizen newspaper on *How to get Help with Cluttering and Hoarding*. Cluttering is considered an addiction and disorder; hoarding is more severe. He encouraged everyone to read it.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Timothy Donovan and seconded by Dr. Abbas Ispahani the meeting adjourned at 12:45pm. **The next scheduled meeting of the CSB is Thursday, April 22nd at noon via 8x8 phone call.**

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Piwinski
CSB Secretary