

# Cayuga County Community Services Board

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## Community Services Board

### Minutes

May 27, 2021

**Members Present via 8x8 Video Conference:** Theresa Humennyj, Vice Chair; Keith Batman; Elane Daly; Camille Johnson; Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson; Jean Petrosino Winne; Sheriff Brian Schenck; David Sealy; Stephen Smith.

**Members Excused:** Laurie Piccolo, Chair; Timothy Donovan; Abbas Ispahani, MD; Shari Weiss.

**Staff/Guests Present via 8x8 Video Conference:** Ray Bizzari, DCS, Jennifer Coughlin, Deputy Director, Monika Salvage, Project Manager HEALing, Mental Health Center (MHC); Sean Clancy.

#### I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Theresa Humennyj called the meeting to order at 12:03pm. Roll called; quorum is present via 8x8 Video Conference call.

#### II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – None today.

#### III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Draft April minutes were emailed to Board members. On a motion by Stephen Smith, seconded by Elane Daly, minutes of the April 22, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted. Motion carried.

#### IV. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

#### V. FINANCIAL REPORTS – None.

#### VI. REPORT FROM OFFICERS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

**A. Mental Health Subcommittee** – Chair Theresa Humennyj reported; Board members were emailed draft May minutes. This Subcommittee worked collaboratively with the County to promote May is Mental Health Awareness month: banner was displayed over Hunter's Diner, Social Media campaign was a success, downtown businesses displayed green ribbons. At the May Subcommittee meeting, Theresa acknowledged the recent death by suicide of a student at the high school.

**B. PWDD Subcommittee** – The PWDD Subcommittee did not meet in May due to lack of a quorum.

**C. Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee** – Draft May minutes were emailed to Board members. It was announced that Police Chief Butler is retiring. The Subcommittee continues work on the Local Services Plan. Members were referred to the draft minutes.

#### VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ray Bizzari reported on the Emergency Rental Assistance program; he emailed Board Members information regarding the program with a document checklist, who's eligible, and frequently asked questions. DSS and Monika Salvage did a good job promoting the program. The portal will open up on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Both the renter and the landlord will have to complete information on the application to apply for assistance. More than \$1 billion is available. Ray talked about Article 16 Clinics which treat people with developmental disabilities and the barriers people have with getting services. Monika Salvage from HEALing Communities Study gave Board members information on overdoses and suicides. Discussion took place on suicide prevention. The Columbia risk assessment for suicide is a great tool. Question was brought up to Ray as to when DSS will open their doors to the public as sometimes there are barriers/delays in getting services – he told all to call him directly when

they encounter issues. Suggestion was made to have the Suicide Task Force begin meeting again regularly

#### **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Nominating Committee Update** – Theresa Humennyj reported that the Nominating Committee met and is bringing forth two candidates for consideration; Sara Dawson and Monika Salvage.

On a motion by Elane Daly, seconded by Jean Winne, Sara Dawson was recommended for appointment to the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee. Motion carried.

On a motion by Jean Winne, seconded by Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson, Monika Salvage was recommended for appointment to the Community Services Board. Motion carried.

When undersigned receives the information from the Nominating Committee, she will forward it to the Clerk of Legislature for final approval and appointment by the Cayuga County Legislature.

#### **IX. New Business**

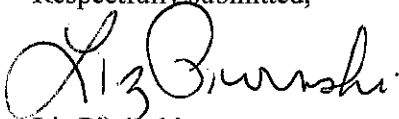
**A. 2022 Local Services Plan** – Jennifer Coughlin will be sending out the draft Plan that she would like members to review and provide feedback/suggestions. The Plan will be voted on at the June CSB meeting. The COVID part of the plan is due in July; the annual plan is not required this year, but will be submitted. Jennifer talked about the goals listed in the Plan.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None this month.

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Stephen Smith and seconded by Elane Daly, the meeting adjourned at 1pm. **The next scheduled meeting of the CSB is Thursday, June 24th at noon via 8x8 phone call.**

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Piwinski  
CSB Secretary