

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Alcohol & Substance Abuse Subcommittee

June 1, 2022

Members Present: Shari Weiss, Chair; Sarah Dawson; Timothy Donovan; Gary Mann; JoLynn Mulholland
Members Excused: Laurie Piccolo; Brian Schenck; James Slayton
Guests Present: Dorothy Radcliff; Jason "Wally" Meyers; Monika Salvage; Carol Colvin; Caroline Dixon; Ashley Short; Courtney Seamans; Lisa Forshee
Staff: Lauren Walsh, Liz Burke, CCCMHC

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Shari Weiss called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Chair Weiss welcomed the Subcommittee and introductions were made. Quorum was present.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – None this month.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Members were emailed a *draft* of the April 6, 2022 minutes. On a motion by Timothy Donovan, seconded by Gary Mann, the April 6, 2022 minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IV. AGENCY REPORT Q & A

Reports were provided prior to the meeting. Discussion took place on the following:

- ❖ Auburn Courts - Carol Colvin was unable to provide a written report this month. She updated that they had a successful Recovery Walk and Treatment Court Graduation.
- ❖ Nick's Ride Report - Monika Salvage mentioned that on the report it was noted that there were several overdoses within a 24-hour period that she was unable to confirm. Ashley updated that she met with the Auburn Fire Department and they did confirm there were six overdoses. Discussion took place on how information is reported and depending on the circumstances which emergency service is involved.
- ❖ Monika Salvage updated that based on the information reported for the first quarter of 2022, the number of overdoses due to opioid use has significantly decreased. They are still seeing an increase in other substances.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lauren Walsh provided the following updates:

- ❖ Daytime Mobile Crisis
 - The resolutions have been approved for the newly-created positions for the Case Manager and Crisis Case Manager. The positions have been posted. In addition, they will be hiring a social worker, which will allow existing social workers to be part of the responds team. Once these two new-created positions are hired, they will be able to start the program. This will give them the ability to expand the existing program to include the hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Discussion is still taking place regarding the overnight hours.
- ❖ Medication Assisted Treatment
 - Several meetings have taken place with the Sheriff and Dr. Duckett regarding starting this program at the jail. They are planning a field trip to the Saratoga and Albany jails, as they both already have programs in place. Hopefully

they will be able to start the program locally prior to the mandated October 1st date.

- ❖ Opioid Settlement Funds
 - The resolution has been passed. The resolution states that the County opted not to use any unrestricted funds for other than approved uses, which include services and treatment. This will flow through the Community Services Board and their final vote will be needed. How the proposals will be submitted to the CSB is still pending.
- ❖ Local Services Plan
 - This has been delayed until the fall due to reformatting.
- ❖ New Federal Grant
 - Working with Cayuga Counseling regarding writing a new federal grant proposal. This grant is based on serving the entire family when affected by substance use. This includes services for not only parents, but children as well. Looking to appoint family coordinators to ensure families receive the services they need. There are several agencies involved in assisting with this grant proposal.
- ❖ CCCMHC Vacancy
 - There is an opening for a contracted Psychiatric NP. They have been interviewing for this position and have someone who is interested in both the position and working with MOUD treatment.
- ❖ State Aid Letters
 - The Dwyer Program, which provides peer assistance to veterans, has now been included in the New York State Budget and is available to all counties. They have started preliminary conversations with Nick's Ride to determine how they can best use these funds. Suggestions were made to include the Chapel House Men's Shelter and the Syracuse Air Force Base.
- ❖ HEALing Communities Studies
 - The implementation period ends this month, along with Dr. Follett's contract. Trying to determine ways to sustain the work they are doing and filling the gap when Dr. Follett's contract ends.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

➤ Local Services Plan – 2C. Crisis Services

❖ Center for Community Alternatives – Emanuel Murray

Shari updated that Emanuel was unable to attend today's meeting and is hoping that he will be able to attend the July meeting.

Discussion took place regarding a text line for teens. The state will be rolling out a 988 number which all calls will be streamlined through, then the local crisis teams will be contacted. Lauren was not sure if texting to this number would be an option. It was determined that a local text line could benefit the community and is something that could be looked into.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None this month.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Timothy Donovan updated that the Memorial Day Parade took place this weekend. This was the last event held for Mental Health Awareness Month.

Lisa Forshee announced that today marked her 15-year anniversary with Syracuse Recovery Services and five years working in Auburn. Lisa said "It has been a pleasure to service this community."

JoLynn Mulholland updated that she and the Cayuga County Sheriff held a drug take back event this past weekend at the Play Space that was very well received. It was a very successful event.

Ashley Short updated that Nick's Ride will be holding a Recovery Speaks Event on June 11th. There will be a number of speakers, food being catered by local businesses, and music for this family-friendly event.

Shari Weiss announced that the Cayuga Community Health Network will be celebrating 25 years of health and wellness programs and services to the community. On August 20th there will be two events. The first half of the day will be family-friendly events and then at 4:30 p.m. a *Rock Your Health* event for adults. These events will be held at the Auburn Doubledays park. Tickets to go on sale shortly.

Shari reminded the committee that the next ASAS Subcommittee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6th. It is important that members advise of their intent to attend this meeting to ensure we have a quorum.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. on a motion by JoLynn Mulholland and seconded by Timothy Donovan. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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