

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Alcohol & Substance Abuse Subcommittee

June 2, 2021

Members Present: Shari Weiss, Chair; Shawn Butler; Michael Greene; Gary Mann; JoLynn Mulholland; Laurie Piccolo; Brian Schenck
Members Excused: Timothy Donovan
Guests Present: Monika Salvage; Ashley Short; Connie Wierzbicki; Caroline Dixon; Carol Colvin
Staff: Ray Bizzari, Jennifer Coughlin, 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 May 5, 2021 minutes. On a motion by JoLynn Mulholland, seconded by Gary Mann, the May 5, 2021 minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IV. AGENCY REPORT Q & A

Reports were provided prior to the meeting. The following was noted from the reports:

- ❖ Auburn Police Department: It was noted that there were 14 overdoses and three fatalities in the month of May. Chief Butler reported that to date there have been 100 overdoses. Discussion took place regarding the concerns in the increase in overdoses.
- ❖ Auburn Problem Solving Court: Carol Colvin updated that graduation took place on May 17, their Recovery Walk was successful, and they are close to starting the opiate court.
- ❖ DFCC: JoLynn Mulholland updated that she had a meeting with the mayor of the Village of Union Springs. The mayor is focusing on opting out of marijuana sales and is looking for letters of support to send out to community members in support of the mayor's decision. If you are interested in submitting a letter, please let her know. Discussion followed regarding the legalization of marijuana and its effects on the community. JoLynn advised that if the DFCC receives funding for the next five years, the Coalition is looking towards environmental strategies around legalization of marijuana.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ray provided the following updates:

- ❖ Emergency Rental Assistance Program: The portal opened yesterday for landlords and residents. Ray will be receiving daily reports regarding the number of applications.
- ❖ Effective July 1, 2021 the respite bed managed by Unity House will now be managed by Liberty Resources. The capacity for adult peer supported respite beds will increase to four.

- ❖ Mobile Crisis Expansions: They will be adding Nick's Ride 4 Friends and opening up this service to the community.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

❖ Local Services Plan Update

Jennifer provided an overview on the goals and objectives. Goals include:

- Housing
- Crisis Services
- Workforce Recruitment
- Employment/Job Opportunities
- Prevention
- Mental Health Outpatient Services
- SUD Outpatient Services
- Heroin and Opioid Programs and Services
- Recovery and Support Services
- Reducing Stigma

Sheriff Schenck expressed concerns on the expectations placed on peers and the need to be sure there is support in place to assist them.

LSP next steps:

- The plan is due at the beginning of July
 - A draft will be sent to subcommittees for review and comments
 - A final draft will then be sent to the CSB for approval
- ❖ COVID-19 Updates – No updates this month.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ CHAD: Caroline Dixon updated that the board will be advertising and interviewing for the position that is being vacated due to the retirement of Kevin Hares.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Shari updated that the Cayuga Community Health Network applied for a Mental Health First Aid Grant. They should be receiving a decision on this grant in July. She thanked the partners, including Mental Health, Sheriff's Department, and Auburn Police Department, for their letters of support. She will keep the committee apprised of the results.
- ❖ Gary Mann inquired if there is interest in the meetings resuming in person. After a discussion between the members, it was decided effective at the July meeting, this committee will resume in person meetings.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m. on a motion by Michael Greene and seconded by Shawn Butler. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula M. Rubano, Senior Clerk
Cayuga County Mental Health Center