

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

June 9, 2022

Members Present: Stephen Smith (Chair), Shannon Abate, Katherine Dunchak, Andrea Hansen (left at 12:30pm), Lorie Fischer, Joan Meyers
Members Excused: Timothy Donovan, Kimberly Granato, Elizabeth Signorelli
Members Absent: None
Staff/Guests Present: Becky Waldron, Cayuga Counseling; Lauren Walsh, Director, CCCMHC; Josh Overstreet, Daniel Gayton, and Shelley Farrell, Prime Care Coordination; Beth Astramskas, DDRO; Daniel Lesinski, Cayuga Centers; Michele VanGiesen, Mozaic; Nicole Overstreet, Unity House Residential Program

- I. **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER** – Called to order by Steve at 12:12pm.
- II. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD** – None at this meeting.
- III. **REVIEW OF MINUTES** – Members were emailed a draft of the May 12, 2022 minutes. On a motion by Andrea, seconded by Katherine, the minutes were approved as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. **LOCAL SERVICES PLAN** – Lauren will keep everyone updated on the new timeline for the Local Services Plan. Will be due in the fall.
- V. **AGENCY REPORTS** – Agency reports were requested and sent prior to the meeting. Updated copies of the Agency Service Openings Chart were sent prior to the meeting.
 - **ARISE** – No representation.
 - **Cayuga Centers** – Had requested capacity for weekend respite through regional office. Just notified that it's not a high priority at this point (priority is for those with more severe needs). Hope to continue the dialogue. Can only provide respite for half of individuals requesting it. People can advocate on an individual level if they are looking for more respite. Made progress filling some open positions.
 - **Cayuga Counseling** – Have a training coming next week with Brenda Myles. In the fifth week of social skills group with four participants. Getting referrals for service access (helping people get OPWDD services) every other week, which is a higher demand than normal.
 - **DDRO** – The waiver department reports a staffing shortage; there should be improvement on this soon. Waiver lead not aware of any changes in respite; please reach out to waiver department with any questions or concerns regarding specific scenarios/individuals. Andrea and Daniel Gayton both shared struggles with respite requests. Beth will bring these concerns to the appropriate people. Discussion regarding telehealth/in person visits; currently a case-by-case basis. Conference rooms can be a good compromise.
 - **Exceptional Family Resources (Previously Onondaga Community Living)** – No representation.
 - **Gavras Center** – No representation.
 - **Mozaic** – Seeing an increase in direct service provider applications. Opening in supervised apartment and two openings in supported apartments. Adding a gaming club at Spotlight Studios; if you have anyone interested please let Mozaic know. Updating brochures soon. Levels of supervision: working on this and a training for the staff. Concerned with interpretation of write-ups. Start implementing new levels of supervision in September. Everyone will be done at the latest by March 2023.

- **Unity House** – One admission for May and one internal move. Two supportive vacancies. Primarily had the same consistent staffing, but a few openings remain. Truncated audits have been occurring at a few apartments. There are waitlists for DayHab and ComHab. Taking referrals for respite.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Discussion of telehealth guidelines. Lauren shared that OMH has extended the telehealth waiver until October. Continuing to help Mozaic with looking for a prescriber. Waiting to hire staffing for mobile crisis; case manager position posted. Need to hire an additional staff social worker to free up current social workers to be a part of the mobile crisis team during the day. Talks of extending through overnight hours (City of Auburn interested in using ARPA funds). NYS wants all counties to have 24/7 crisis services by 2024. Lauren said she would be happy to advocate on behalf of Cayuga Centers on the respite issue.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – None discussed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – None discussed.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Shannon posed a situation to the group, hoping someone in the meeting would be able to help in some way. She received a call from a father with a 21-year old son. He does not receive care management from Lifeplan or Prime Care. School ends in just a few days, both parents work. Not sure what to do with his son while he and his wife are at work. Michele recommend contacting Maggie Mahoney, intake coordinator at Mozaic, to discuss potential services. Daniel Lesinski mentioned the OCC Foundations Program as another option to look into.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 12:54pm on a motion by Lorie and seconded by Shannon. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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