

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

June 13, 2019

Members Present: Andrea Hansen; Aileen McNabb-Coleman; Joan Meyers; Elizabeth Signorelli; Stephen Smith, Chair
Members Excused: Diane Dolcemascolo; Timothy Donovan; Lorie Fischer
Members Absent: Katherine Dunchak
Staff/Guests Present: Ray Bizzari, Cayuga County Mental Health Director; Jennifer Coughlin, Cayuga County Mental Health Deputy Director; Denise Vreeland, ARC of Seneca County; Kristen Jackson, ARISE; Jena Weed, Cayuga Centers/Prime Care; Beth Astramskas and Samantha Glenn, DDRO; James Breslin, Gavras Center; Daniel Kelley, Onondaga Community Living; Renee Choiniere, Unity House; Joel Campagnola and Stephen VanIlderstine, Nick's Ride For Friends

- I. **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER** – Called to order by Stephen at 12:44pm. Introduction of new member Joan Meyers.
- II. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD** – None this month.
- III. **REVIEW OF MINUTES** -- Members were emailed a draft of the May 2, 2019 minutes. On a motion by Aileen, seconded by Andrea, the minutes were approved as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. **PRESENTATION BY JOEL CAMPAGNOLA FROM NICK'S RIDE** – Peer based organization on 12 South Street funded by Cayuga County. They do not take donations to fund salaries; all donations go to programs, activities, and day trips – getting people out and about. The organization is with the people they're helping all through inpatient treatment and wants them to be a vibrant part of the community. The clubhouse is the nucleus. There are currently three peers who are CRPA (Certified Recovery Peer Advocate) certified and a few who are getting ready to get certified in mental health. Peer service is 24/7. Good relationship with the hospital. Joel feels they have a great success rate – making a difference along with the other organizations in the community. Joel has a dream to make 13 Chapel St into a one stop shop that will get people set up with all the services they need, along with offering respite beds; waiting for a grant through the state through DRI for that to happen. Stephen, a peer advocate, spoke about the clubhouse being a safe place for him in recovery and connections with peers being incredibly helpful. Nick's Ride offers both a website and an app.

[Aileen arrived at 12:23pm]

- V. **AGENCY REPORTS** -- Agency openings were requested and sent prior to the meeting. Updated copies of the Agency Service Openings Chart were available at the meeting.
 - **The ARC of Seneca Cayuga** – Still in process of trying to get bids for Lakehurst House which will hopefully be opening in September. Two supportive apartment openings, one supervised apartment opening, and one supervised traditional IRA opening in Cayuga County.
 - **ARISE** – Continue to have openings for community hab, respite, and employment. Freedom camp starting at Casey Park in summer – two full two-week sessions starting July 8. Taking referrals for all services.

- **Cayuga Centers** – There are respite, comhab, and dayhab openings. As far as care management, always accepting referrals. 315-310-3270 is the direct line for enrollment.
- **Cayuga Counseling** – Training in the fall for family support services. It will be free and at BOCES. A social skills group just finished – four participants, very successful, between the ages of 10-13. Getting referrals from outside agencies has been a struggle.
- **DDRO** – Executive directors meeting tomorrow. Children's Waiver came into effect April 1. Serves medically frail and/or emotionally disturbed kids who also have developmental disabilities as well as a smaller role with the kids who are in Bridges Health in establishing/determining their developmental disability. Care at Home is no longer as it was because it's part of the Children's Waiver. Never had palliative care for kids who were medically frail before this.
- **Gavras Center** – One opening in 4-bed IRA. Have been screening everyone off the list and hoping to fill that quite soon. Accepting referrals for dayhab and community hab programs. There is a Friday night social group for 18+ that they're trying to build up again. Would like to get one started for kids.
- **Onondaga Community Living** – Not discussed.
- **Unity House** – Have some openings: two female and one male or female supportive apartment vacancies.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Going to Gavras center this year for training the staff on informed trauma. Early childhood and UPK met a couple years ago regarding classroom management concerns and needs that kids and families have. Also going to do this in the AECSD (six teachers are going to train) and also with Headstart. The goal is to get to a place where teachers and caregivers are better at creating good environments and not triggering kids. Dr. Cattalani has started working at Cayuga County Mental Health; he is retired from Hutchings and Mohawk Valley. CCMH has four prescribers who are board certified in kids; Dr. Cattalani is not but he has experience working with kids who are 12+. CCMH is always taking new clients.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – Steven thanked the group for responding quickly to the meeting reminder email.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – None discussed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT -- The meeting adjourned at 1:07p.m. on a motion by Andrea and seconded by Elizabeth. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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