

# Cayuga County Community Services Board

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## Mental Health Subcommittee

June 18, 2020

**Members Present:** Theresa Humennyj (Chair), Beth Dishaw, Jean Petrosino-Winne, Deborah Riester, Diane Schenck

**Members Excused:** Katie Stott-Dennis

**Members Absent:** Martin Centers

**Staff/Guests:** Justin Scott, Latisha Burke, and Amy Sargent, Liberty Resources; Stephanie Dean, 211 Contact

- I. Theresa called the meeting to order at 11:52am. On a motion by Diane, seconded by Jean, the agenda was amended to include Nominating Committee Business for Elizabeth Vuillemot under New Business; motion carried.
- II. Draft minutes of the February meeting were emailed to members. On a motion by Beth, seconded by Deborah, the February 20, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as submitted; motion carried.
- III. **Public to be Heard** – None.
- IV. **Director's Report** – Jennifer updated that waiver to provide services via telephone will expire on July 7. Not sure whether or not it will be extended, so planning for it to not be extended. Staff will be back in the building and services will be provided by either video telehealth or in person appointments. Beth asked for an update on CCCMHC staff going to the Boyle Center to provide services; Jennifer stated that at this time, that's put on hold due to COVID-19. Once staff are allowed to go there, that will be back in motion. Jean added that nursing homes are only allowing essential staff and residents in the building.
- V. **Local Services Plan** – Jennifer needs to confirm the new due date for the 2021 Local Services Plan; it was pushed out. She will get more information ASAP and let the subcommittee know. Also checking on sending out a Survey Monkey like last year. Theresa suggested having another meeting in addition to July to go over what the 2021 Local Services Plan will look like. She also suggested looking at the current plan and taking notes on what members would like to see during the coming year. Jean suggested adding mental health support for the police force. Diane asked that it be for all first responders, not just police officers.
- VI. **Mental Health Task Force** – They have not met in a few months. Theresa will organize a meeting of the Task Force to see what the next steps are for them.
- VII. **Agency Reports** – (reports received prior to this meeting have been reviewed by members)
  - a. Behavioral Health Unit – Not discussed.
  - b. Cayuga Counseling Services – Not discussed.
  - c. Contact Community Services – Not discussed.
  - d. Evergreen – Not discussed.
  - e. Hillside – Not discussed.
  - f. Liberty Resources – Not discussed.
  - g. PC<sup>2</sup> – Not discussed.
  - h. PROs/Unity House – Not discussed.

VIII. **Old Business** – Not discussed.

IX. **New Business**

- a. **Nominating Committee Business:** There have been two resignations: Linda Murphy and Scott Marshall. Elizabeth Vuillemot is interested in joining. The Nominating Committee interviewed her and felt she was a good candidate. She will be presented at Community Services Board for a vote and then the legislature. There is no requirement for the Mental Health Subcommittee to vote her in. Members of the Subcommittee expressed enthusiasm about her joining.

X. **Announcements** – Theresa said that Timothy Donovan is doing a great job with his articles for *The Citizen* on current events, erasing stigma, etc. Latisha from Liberty Resources shared information on expansion of adult respite in Cayuga County. In addition to expanding, they'll be hiring per diem peer staff as well as full- and part-time staff. Crisis respite has not stopped throughout COVID-19. There are currently three crisis respite programs: Madison (three beds), Oswego (three beds), and Onondaga (eight beds). In any given year, the crisis respites can serve 300 or more people. Also operate a 24/7 peer warm line that has been great during COVID-19; working on video call support. There are potentially three beds to be added to Cayuga County.

Theresa's term as chair is up. If anyone wants to volunteer as chair, please let Theresa know.

XI. **Adjournment** – On a motion by Beth, seconded by Deborah, the meeting adjourned at 12:40pm; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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