

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Community Services Board

Minutes

June 24, 2021

Members Present via 8x8 Video Conference: Theresa Humennyj, Vice Chair; Keith Batman; Elane Daly; Timothy Donovan; Abbas Ispahani, MD; Camille Johnson; Monika Salvage; Sheriff Brian Schenck; David Sealy; Stephen Smith.

Members Excused: Laurie Piccolo, Chair; Shari Weiss.

Members Absent: Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson; Jean Petrosino Winne.

Staff/Guests Present via 8x8 Video Conference: Ray Bizzari, DCS, Jennifer Coughlin, Deputy Director, Jason Meyers, HEALing, Mental Health Center (MHC).

I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Theresa Humennyj called the meeting to order at 12:03pm. Roll called; quorum is present via 8x8 Video Conference call.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – None today.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Draft May minutes were emailed to Board members. On a motion by Stephen Smith, seconded by Elane Daly, minutes of the May 27, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS – Ray Bizzari gave a verbal financial report. He stated that in 2011 the Mental Health Center had 53 employees/contract workers and 11,000 visits were provided for the year and that year saw a \$1.7 million local share; in 2021 there were 50 employees/contract workers and 35,000 visits were provided for the year and that year saw \$0 in local share. Services today are enhanced from what they were in 2011 – mobile crisis, functional family therapy, etc. The Center is a solid place with an active Community Services Board. We are an open access clinic meaning that we don't have a wait list for people to start services. Much discussion took place regarding State and Federal funding. Some discussion took place regarding staffing for community needs. The need for services rose during the pandemic and with the pandemic slowing, people can get the services they need.

VI. REPORT FROM OFFICERS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

- A. **Mental Health Subcommittee** – There was no meeting in the month of June.
- B. **PWDD Subcommittee** – Draft June minutes were emailed to Board members. Chair Steve Smith reported that much of the meeting focused on the 2022 Local Services Plan. Labor shortage was also discussed.
- C. **Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee** – Draft June minutes were emailed to Board members. It was reported that the Subcommittee discussed the Local Services Plan. The high number of overdoses in the city of Auburn was discussed. Discussion took place at today's meeting regarding the difference between how the Auburn Police department and the Cayuga County Sheriff's department refer people to Nick's Ride 4 Friends after an overdose. APD automatically contacts Nick's Ride while the Sheriff's Department contacts them if the family requests it. It was stated that you can go to the Cayuga County website to the Mental Health page and watch a training video on Narcan and get a free Narcan kit mailed to you.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – This time was used for the Board members to discuss the 2022 Local Services Plan. Discussion took place regarding the Peer section where it talked about Nick's Ride 4

Friends being established as the central peer organization. *1. Establish Nick's Ride as the central peer organization to accept referrals for both substance use and mental health.* After some discussion, it was decided to reword this objective in the Plan to a more generalized statement regarding the expansion of peer advocates in Cayuga County.

On a motion by Monika Salvage, seconded by Steve Smith, the 2022 Local Services Plan was approved with the one change discussed during the meeting. Motion Carried.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Nominating Committee Update** – Theresa Humennyj reported that the Nominating Committee continues to meet and has a few candidate to interview. The committee has the goal of starting the month of September with all seats on the Board and Subcommittees filled.
- B. **2022 Local Services Plan** – discussed under Director's Report.

IX. New Business

- A. **In person Meetings** – Item will be discussed at July meeting; meetings to continue remotely.
- B. **DCS Evaluation** – Chair Laurie Piccolo will be sending out information to Board members regarding this within the week.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None this month.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Timothy Donovan and seconded by Keith Batman, the meeting adjourned at 1:01pm.
The next scheduled meeting of the CSB is Thursday, July 22nd at noon via 8x8 phone call.

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Piwinski
CSB Secretary