

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Community Services Board Minutes June 25, 2020

Members Present via 8x8 Video Conference: Laurie Piccolo, Chair; Theresa Humennyj, Vice Chair; Keith Batman; Elane Daly; Timothy Donovan; Abbas Ispahani, MD; David Sealy; Jean Petrosino Winne; Stephen Smith; Shari Weiss.

Staff/Guests Present via 8x8 Video Conference: Jennifer Coughlin, Deputy Director, Mental Health Center (MHC); Betty DeFazio, Arise.

Members Excused: Camille Johnson; Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson; Sheriff Brian Schenck.

I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Laurie Piccolo called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. Roll was called; quorum is present via 8x8 Video Conference Call.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – None.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Draft May minutes were emailed to Board members. On a motion by Stephen Smith, seconded by Timothy Donovan, minutes of the May 28, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted. Motion carried.

At this time motion was made by Dave Sealy, seconded by Elane Daly to modify today's Agenda to include under New Business A. Annual Plan – Jennifer Coughlin and B. DCS Evaluation. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS – None.

VI. REPORT FROM OFFICERS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

- A. **Mental Health Subcommittee** – Chair Theresa Humennyj reported that the Subcommittee met in June; draft minutes were emailed to Board members. They are planning for 2021. Her position as chair has expired; no one has volunteered. Further discussion will take place at the Subcommittee meeting.
- B. **PWDD Subcommittee** – Chair Stephen Smith reported that the Subcommittee met in June; main topic of discussion was COVID-19. Draft minutes were emailed to Board members. Agencies are providing services in creative ways and are doing a great job. Steve announced that his term as chair is up and wonders if he can do another term. Question was asked as to whether the Subcommittee can have a vice chair/2nd in command. Currently this Subcommittee has one opening; a resume has been sent to the Nominating Committee for a possible appointment. Timothy Donovan hopes the employment issue that has been tabled can be discussed again soon.
- C. **Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee** – The Subcommittee met; draft minutes were available. Auburn Intervention Court was discussed – a drug prevention court being put together in response to the increase in opioid death. Narcan online training is being offered through the HEALing Communities Study.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ray Bizzari reported. He talked about the Auburn Intervention Court led by Judge Thurston. The Court focuses on drug prevention. Ray updated Board members around COVID-19 and safety precautions being taken by Mental Health. The HEALing Committee and Steering Committee are doing tremendous work – Shout out to Corinna Noel, Monika Salvage, and Wally Meyers who are part of the HEALing Communities. Ray talked about decrease in State Aid and how it will impact some of the agencies we contract with. Timothy Donovan talked about the recent overdose deaths – people are isolating with no support groups due to COVID-19. Homeless individuals have phones but need phone cards which he is trying to secure.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Nominating Committee Update**

Theresa Humennyj reported. Two names were brought in front of the CSB for appointment to Subcommittees. Elizabeth Vuillemot for the Mental Health Subcommittee and Arianna Halter for Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee. On a motion by Shari Weiss which was seconded by Timothy Donovan, Liz Vuillemot was nominated to serve on the Mental Health Subcommittee. Motion carried. On a motion by Timothy Donovan which was seconded by Theresa Humennyj, Arianna Holter was nominated to serve on the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee. Motion carried. Undersigned will send these two names to the County Legislature for final approval and appointment.

Stephen Smith and Dr. Ispahani were excused at 1pm.

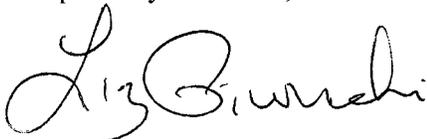
IX. NEW BUSINESS**A. Annual Plan – Jennifer Coughlin**

Jennifer Coughlin will set up a future meeting to further discuss the Plan. She will also be sending out a SurveyMonkey so that people can comment on Plan issues.

B. DCS Evaluation – Chair Piccolo stated she will be sending out the evaluation electronically by next Friday and is hoping for 3-week turnaround; the evaluation will be discussed in an Executive Session.**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chair Piccolo announced that Timothy Donovan was awarded the 2020 Unity House Fred Atkins Community Service Award for being an outstanding volunteer. She also announced that Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson was elected to the Auburn School Board.****XI. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Shari Weiss and seconded by Timothy Donovan, the meeting adjourned at 1:03pm. Motion carried. The next scheduled meeting of the Community Services Board is Thursday, July 23 at noon via video conference.

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Piwinski
CSB Secretary