

# Cayuga County Community Services Board

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## Alcohol & Substance Abuse Subcommittee

July 10, 2019

**Members Present:** Brian Schenck, Chair; Timothy Donovan; Michael Greene; Cynthia Malek; Gary Mann; JoLynn Mulholland  
**Members Excused:** Shawn Butler; Laurie Piccolo  
**Members Absent:** Chris Soprano  
**Guests Present:** Kevin Hares, C.H.A.D.; Joel Campagnola, Nick's Ride 4 Friends; Lisa Bowline, Helio Health; Julie Piascik, Cayuga County Sheriff's Department; Lisa Forshee, Syracuse Recovery Services; Ashley Short, Grace House/Unity House; Jean Winne, Unity House/PROS  
**Staff:** Ray Bizzari, Jennifer Coughlin, CCCMHC

### I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Michael Greene called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Chair Greene welcomed the Subcommittee. Quorum was present.

### II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – None this month.

### III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Members were emailed a *draft* of the June 5, 2019 minutes. On a motion by Timothy Donovan, seconded by JoLynn Mulholland, the June 5, 2019 minutes were approved. Motion carried.

### IV. REPORTS

Mike requested that reports be submitted one week prior to the meeting. Discussion took place regarding the difficulty in submitting reports early due to this meeting being held the first Wednesday of the month and the information reported not being available until the end of the month. It was decided that it was acceptable to bring the report.

As a result of a discussion that took place regarding the Monthly Agency Report, Mike will look into adding another category enabling JoLynn to report for the Drug Free Community Coalition.

Agency Monthly Reports were submitted prior to the meeting. The following additional updates were provided:

- ACH ER – No representation at this meeting.
  - Kevin Hares and Joel Campagnola commended Kevin Harris on the assistance he has provided them with difficult situations.
- Auburn Police Department – No representation at this meeting.
  - Brian submitted the DWI statistics for Auburn Police Department in his report in Shawn's absence.
- Cayuga County Jail - Brian Schenck – No discussion took place.
- Cayuga County Mental Health – Ray Bizzari
  - At the Health and Human Services Committee meeting on Thursday at 5:30 p.m., Ray will be giving a presentation on the nursing home as a potential

- shelter for homeless people. He discussed plans for the facility and encouraged this committee to attend the meeting.
  - Job descriptions were sent via email for positions that will be funded through the NYS HEALing Communities Study Grant from Columbia University. He provided an overview of the Project Director position that will be available. There will also be an Epidemiologist position available. A meeting will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup> and invitations will be sent. Ray discussed the purpose of the grant.
  - Discussion took place regarding a proposal, funded through the SOAR Grant, which was submitted to enhance the services of the mobile crisis team. This proposal included adding OASAS peers, OASAS clinicians, and respite to the mobile crisis team specifically for individuals with addictions.
- C.H.A.D. – Kevin Hares
  - CASAC and CRPA employees are now located at the jail.
  - They have hired a counselor for their office.
  - Provided a brief overview of the massive changes in treatment that will be required by OASAS.
- Community – Tim Donovan
  - Updated on meeting with the City Parks & Recreation Department regarding creating alcohol and drug free zones for public events. Discussion took place regarding the lack of enforcement for those consuming alcohol. Ashley updated on her discussion with Kim regarding alcohol use and new guidelines from OASAS regarding safe zones.
  - Tom Thumb restaurant has created a scholarship fund that will be awarded to a SADD student at Auburn High School. Tim encouraged members to contribute to this fund.
- Drug Free Community Coalition – JoLynn Mulholland
  - Tiffany Whittaker has been hired as the Youth Engagement Coordinator.
  - JoLynn, Tiffany Whittaker, Joel Campagnola, and Jessica Soule will be attending a training next week in Dallas, Texas.
  - Provided an updated on the June DFCC meeting regarding pursuing a non-profit status. The feedback indicated that coalition members would like to find a local sponsoring agency to partner with due to the number of non-profits in the area. Discussion took place regarding the feedback.
- Helio Health – Lisa Bowline
  - Placement for treatment success rates for referrals averages 80%.
  - The agency has been selected as a model for CAPRSS accreditation planning.
- Nick's Ride 4 Friends – Nick Campagnola
 

A report was not submitted prior to the meeting. Joel provided the following updates:

  - 1069 individuals were served last month, which is an increase of three people. Year to date they have served 5959 with an anticipated projection of 12,000.
  - Staffing issues: Needs more funding for CRPS.
  - Awarded two scholarships to Auburn High School students.
  - Reconnected two families with their children.
  - Joel and Stephen have completed sexual harassment training and have received their certificates.
  - On July 29, 2019 in collaboration with St. Anne's and Sacred Heart Church, Nick's Ride 4 Friends will be hosting the Addiction and Opioid Crisis Community Listening Forum at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 90 Melrose Road. If interested in having a table at this event, please contact Joel. Information to be sent to Paula for distribution.
  - Distributed a flyer with upcoming events.
- Syracuse Recovery Services – Lisa Forshee
  - Updated that urine drug screens have been able to detect synthetic cannabis.

- Treatment Court – No representation at this meeting.
- Unity House/Grace House – Ashley Short
  - They have had four successful discharges.
  - There are five people employed in Supportive Living and they have three full time students.
  - Hired a new Program Manager, Beth Clark, who will be starting July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Discussion took place regarding the closure of Community Caring Food Pantry on Wall Street. Friends for Friends food pantry has opened at the Finger Lakes Mall.
- Other reports – No additional reports were given.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- This month's Local Services Plan Goal – Mike Greene
  - Updated the goal is to stay focused on the plan. Future agendas will include a topic to discuss every month.
  - 211 cards were made available to today's attendees.
  - Reminded that the Task Force meeting takes place prior to this meeting.
  - Next meeting will be in September.

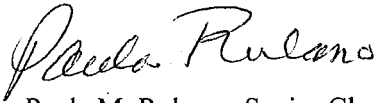
**VI. NEW BUSINESS** – None discussed.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None discussed.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m. on a motion by Brian Schenck and seconded by Timothy Donovan. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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