

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

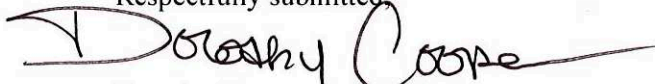
July 13, 2023

Members Present: Stephen Smith (Chair), Michele Vangiesen, Elizabeth Signorelli, Shannon Abate, Kimberly Granato, Kate Dunchak, Christopher Greene, Bob Granato
Members Excused: Andrea Hansen
Members Absent: None
Staff/Guests Present: Elizabeth Burke, Deputy Director, CCCMHC; Jennifer Goodman, Director of Clinical Services Mozaic; James Beaumont, Unity House; Teresa Edwards, CSIDD; James Breslin, Gavras Center; Joshua Overstreet and Shelley Farrel, Prime Care CO, Nicole Overstreet, Unity House; Beth Astramskas OPWDD; Ray Richardson, Cayuga Centers

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Called to order by Stephen at 12:01 PM
- II. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD** – None at this meeting.
- III. **REVIEW OF MINUTES** – Members were emailed a draft of the April 2, 2023, minutes. On a motion by Shannon Abate, seconded by Kim Granato, the minutes were approved as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. **LOCAL SERVICES PLAN** – Due at the end of June- this was submitted. Similar to the one worked on eight months prior. No new areas. Once reviewed will be posted on CCMCH website within the next month.
- V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** -Daytime Mobile Crisis had a slow start, but is now opening to other settings and organizations in the county. Making presentations at other organizations. Any resources for training.
- VI. **AGENCY REPORTS**
 - a. Arise – No representation.
 - b. Cayuga Centers – No representation.
 - c. Cayuga Counseling – No representation.
 - d. DDRO – The 2024 Budget has been approved and includes the following: 4% cost of living adjustment (including nonprofit agencies.) Funding is 31 million in state funds for minimum wage changes. There will be continued geographic pay differentials, along with expanded intensive treatment options. There will be a program to provide independent advocacy for people who receive OPWDD services. Independent study for basic research for people with developmental disabilities, this funding is for two years. How IBR functions align with OPWDD strategic goals. 60 million for OPWDD services- for people who are new to the system as well as those whose needs have changed. There will be continued investments and independent living opportunities. 15 million dollars for integrated supportive housing, continued authority to operate managed care as OPWDD continues evaluating effectiveness.
 - e. Exceptional Family Resources – No representation.
 - f. Gavras Center – James Breslin- Gavras had their first offsite Preschool graduation at the Hilton Garden Inn; this went very well with no issues. Gavras is looking forward to continuing doing this and other things in the future. The summer preschool program is doing very well currently, as well as the “Summer Fun” program. Last year there was a waiting list of over 150 students; so Gavras has petitioned the state education department to open up more classrooms; this will add access for up to another 120 students which in turn will help

- keep students with developmental disabilities and delays from having to be bussed to other counties for schooling. OPWDD suggested that they investigate respite services.
- g. Mozaic – Jennifer Goodman, Director of Clinical Services. Mozaic had their Annual awards ceremony at the Springside Inn- along with a performance from Spot Light Studios. Annual golf tournament on Monday. Accepting referrals for Social Work Counseling, and rehabilitation counseling in the clinic. Also accepting referrals for new Satellite clinic down in Tompkins County. Dayhabs are filling up. Clark Street and 182 have a few openings. Accepting referrals for PREVOC and DHWOW, one female opening in supervised apartments.
 - h. Unity House- James Beaumont- All programs accepting referrals but few on the waitlist. Staffing is slowly getting better, individuals getting back to precovid activities. Nicole Overstreet - Male supervised vacancy at North Street open- will begin screening shortly for that. South street IRA had added a bedroom to the apartment so one client who needed more needs could stay in her residence- increased ratio. Fully staffed in all manager positions, continuing search for DSP positions. Success story- recently moved to Onondaga county and is doing well at his new site with new housemates.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS** – Taking vote for MC at CCMCH to join September 2023 meeting for information. Approved by committee at 12:31
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS** –Precovid there was a committee- They were asked by the directors at the time to do evaluation of vocational services that were out there
- IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS** –None discussed.
- X. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 by Bob Granato and seconded by Elizabeth Signorelli.

Respectfully submitted,


Dorothy Cooper, Senior Clerk