

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Community Services Board

Minutes

July 23, 2020

Members Present via 8x8 Video Conference: Laurie Piccolo, Chair; Theresa Humennyj, Vice Chair; Keith Batman; Timothy Donovan; Camille Johnson; Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson; Jean Petrosino Winne; David Sealy; Stephen Smith; Shari Weiss.

Staff/Guests Present via 8x8 Video Conference: Ray Bizzari, DCS, Jennifer Coughlin, Deputy Director, Mental Health Center (MHC); Betty DeFazio, Arise; Denise Vreeland, Mozaic (Arc of Seneca Cayuga/Yates).

Members Excused: Elane Daly; Abbas Ispahani, MD; 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 June minutes were emailed to Board members. On a motion by Keith Batman seconded by Shari Weiss, minutes of the June 25, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted. 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 today to Board members. Agencies are working on getting staff back into the office following CDC guidelines. Talked about Mental Health 2020 State Aid, but Ray will discuss in the Director's report. HEALing Communities Study Grant is going well; a lot of Narcan training is taking place. Keith Batman has questions regarding the 2020 State Aid.

B. PWDD Subcommittee – Chair Stephen Smith reported that the Subcommittee met in June; draft minutes were emailed today to Board members. Main topic of discussion again this month was COVID-19. People need to safely get back into programs. ARC has moved from North Street to their location on Route 5 and 20. Work is taking place on the Annual Plan. Currently group homes are not allowing visitors. Unity House is opening up to some visitors but have very strict guidelines.

C. Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee – Chair Shari Weiss reported; draft minutes were emailed to Board members. Increase in overdoses was noted. Peers are not being utilized when an overdose occurs; there needs to be a better line of communication. Another issue noted is that the person who overdoses needs to want peer services or it is a HIPAA violation. Narcan training sponsored by the HEALing Communities Study is going well.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ray talked more about the Narcan training and how helpful it is; popup trainings are occurring in "hot spots." He noted that if a bystander uses their Narcan, the Fire Department can replace it for the

bystander. Briefly discussed Opiate Court – money is available through the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. Peers currently cannot go into the hospital due to COVID – trying to get this started back up so that peers can assist people who tried to commit suicide and drug users. MHC staff are in the building; staff and clients are following social distancing guidelines. Ray talked about the ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) team which is mobile treatment for people who do not take their necessary medication to function in society. OMH is committed to the expansion of the ACT team – they are looking for a psychiatrist and an RN. Further discussion: the ACT team sees everyone – not just Cayuga County residents. ACH is not open yet to peers but is willing to discuss this issue. The MHC satellite units in the schools will do whatever the schools decide they want the MHC to do; the school and Mental Health will come up with a plan. Services at the MHC have increased during the pandemic. Discussion took place regarding the 2020 State Aid. State Aid has been reduced, but Ray is working on a plan to keep the agencies whole with their payments so they can keep services at current level. Unallocated State Aid earmarked for Liberty Resources will not be used by Liberty in 2020.

Camille Johnson was excused.

Ray asked for a resolution to reallocate State Aid but after much discussion and questions, the resolution was tabled on a motion by Timothy Donovan, seconded by Stephen Smith; motion carried. Ray will write up an explanation regarding the 2020 State Aid and email to Board members.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Nominating Committee Update

Theresa Humennyj reported. The Nominating Committee met and discussed recruitment efforts. Steve has a candidate he would like interviewed for the PWDD Subcommittee, and the Nominating Committee may meet again this month to move the process along. Steve will forward the prospective member's information to the Committee.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – Chair Piccolo will be sending out an electronic version of the annual evaluation for the Director of Community Services to members as discussed at the June meeting.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None this month.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Timothy Donovan and seconded by Stephen Smith, the meeting adjourned at 1:05pm. Motion carried. **The next scheduled meeting of the Community Services Board is Thursday, September 24th at noon location to be determined.**

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Piwinski
CSB Secretary