

# Cayuga County Community Services Board

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## PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

October 14, 2021

**Members Present:** Stephen Smith (Chair), Shannon Abate, Timothy Donovan, Katherine Dunchak, Kimberly Granato, Andrea Hansen, Joan Meyers, Elizabeth Signorelli  
**Members Excused:** Lorie Fischer  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Staff/Guests Present:** Dan Lesinski, Cayuga Centers; Becky Waldron, Cayuga Counseling; Jodi McNally, OPWDD; Joyce McGlynn, Lifeplan; Michele VanGiesen, Mozaic; Josh Overstreet, Primecare

- I. **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER** – Called to order by Steve at 12:07pm. Introductions were made.
- II. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD** – None.
- III. **REVIEW OF MINUTES** – Members were emailed a draft of the September 9, 2021 minutes. On a motion by Andrea, seconded by Kimberly, the minutes were approved as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. **LOCAL SERVICES PLAN** – Getting lots of referrals for people who need PWDD services. Ray suggested expansion of Article 16 and/or bringing another psychiatrist into the community. Jennifer stated that this is included in the LSP for next year. The 2022 LSP will be posted on the website soon.
- II. **AGENCY REPORTS** – Agency reports were requested and sent prior to the meeting. Updated copies of the Agency Service Openings Chart were sent prior to the meeting.
  - **ARISE** – No representation. Steve will follow up on their attendance.
  - **Cayuga Centers** – The agency has openings and is accepting referrals for all services. Weekend respite has eight opportunities each weekend which are offered on a rotating basis, so there is no waiting list for that service. The fully vaccinated rate among staff is nearly 100%; a \$500 bonus was offered to fully vaccinated employees.
  - **Cayuga Counseling** – Starting a social skills group in November; referrals will be saved for future groups. Training to be offered in December; more information on that will be shared with Kelsey to distribute.
  - **DDRO** – Nothing to report.
  - **Gavras Center** – No representation.
  - **Mozaic** – Continuing to take referrals for employment services. DayHab needs more staffing; getting a slight increase in applications. Various apartment openings available. CommHab has a waitlist. 75% of staff and 99% of individuals are vaccinated. Looking into offering rapid testing onsite.
  - **Onondaga Community Living** – No representation.
  - **Unity House** – No representation.
- III. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Ray has a call with the OMH field office and the OCFS field office later today. Topic of discussion will be cross-section of those who need both mental health and PWDD services. Ray shared a story regarding a frustrating situation where a child

with developmental disabilities needed to appear in court, needed a competency evaluation, and services he needed during this process were continually shuffled between agencies.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**V. NEW BUSINESS** – Nominating committee is reviewing membership. PWDD subcommittee has three people whose terms are up in January; all three (Andrea Hansen, Katherine Dunchak, and Stephen Smith) have agreed to continue to serve for another term. It is unclear whether or not Stephen will be able to continue as chairperson, but he will continue if it is allowed and investigation on that topic continues. Always interested in people who would be good additions to the subcommittee.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Timothy may have a person who would be interested in restarting the autism task force. Stephen asked Timothy to present more information on this at a future meeting.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 12:52pm on a motion by Andrea and seconded by Timothy. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelsey R. Marquart", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kelsey R. Marquart, Senior Typist