

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Alcohol & Substance Abuse Subcommittee

February 3, 2021

Members Present: Shari Weiss, Chair; Timothy Donovan; Michael Greene; Arianna Halter; Gary Mann; Brian Schenck
Members Excused: Shawn Butler; JoLynn Mulholland; Laurie Piccolo
Guests Present: Courtney Seamans; Rick Hansinger; Linda Forshee; Carol Colvin; Ashley Short; Jason "Wally" Meyers; Monika Salvage; Caroline Dixon
Staff: Ray Bizzari, Jennifer Coughlin, CCCMHC

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Shari Weiss called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Chair Weiss welcomed the Subcommittee and introductions were made. Quorum was present.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – None this month.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Members were emailed a *draft* of the January 6, 2021 minutes. On a motion by Timothy Donovan, seconded by Gary Mann, the January 6, 2021 minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IV. AGENCY REPORT Q & A

Reports were provided prior to the meeting. No discussion took place.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ray Bizzari provided the following updates:

- ❖ Shelyagh Kennedy, Nurse Practitioner, from the CCCMHC, saw her first suboxone client last week. She will be working at CHAD for a few hours one morning a week to assist with inductions.
- ❖ Discussed integrated treatment within the county and implementing this treatment as an effective practice.
- ❖ Briefly reviewed the analysis of the governor's budget, which included a 20% withhold. The HEALing Communities Study restored the 20% withhold to CHAD. In addition, the governor's budget has proposed a 5% cut to state aid and merging OMH and OASAS.
- ❖ Discussing with CSB a transition/succession plan for his retirement later this year. Due to the many changes in DSS and Mental Health, he plans to include splitting the responsibility of the two departments.

At this time Ray opened up the meeting for discussion.

- ❖ Brian Schenck updated that OASAS is cutting the jail funding for the grant by 50%; however, there is enough money in the commissary fund to keep that program running.
- ❖ Timothy Donovan commended Ray on a job well-done in running both departments.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

❖ COVID-19 Updates

- Shari reminded that if anyone has senior citizens in their programs, they will be receiving their COVID-19 vaccines at pharmacies and doctors' clinics.
- Shari will be receiving N95 masks. Once she receives these masks, she will be putting that information on the listserv.
- Tim advised that he has received donations for face masks, gloves, and sanitizing solutions. Please let him know if you are in need of any of these items.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Shari changed the order of the agenda.

❖ State Aid Allocation Break-out Report Review/Discussion

This was previously discussed in the Director's Report.

❖ MOUD (Medication for Opioid Use Disorders)

Shari opened the meeting up for discussion to specifically discuss OASAS Regulations and the ability to get suboxone from any authorized provider whether or not the person wants to engage in treatment. Discussion included the following:

- Ray updated that the OASAS regulations were changed last year and now stipulate that any individual seeking any kind of MOUD should be afforded the opportunity to receive the MOUD whether or not they participate in therapy and/or attend NA/AA meetings. Included in the discussion was harm reduction, course of treatment, recovery, and peer services. Brian was concerned about inmates being provided with suboxone upon release without any follow up.

At 12:30 we no longer had a quorum. Discussion continued.

Respectfully submitted,



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