

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Community Services Board

Minutes

February 28, 2019

Members Present: Laurie Piccolo, Chair; Theresa Humennyj, Vice Chair; Keith Batman; Tim Donovan via telephone; Michael Greene; Abbas Ispahani, MD; Aileen McNabb-Coleman; David Sealy; Sheriff Brian Schenck; Stephen Smith.

Staff/Guests Present: Ray Bizzari, DCS, Jennifer Coughlin, Deputy Director, Mental Health Center (MHC); Betty DeFazio, ARISE; Deena Dombroske, Helio Health; J. Justin Woods, County Administrator; Tricia Marmontello, ARC of Seneca Cayuga.

Members Excused: Danielle Collier; Mike Didio; Jaime Wilson. **Absent:** Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson.

I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Laurie Piccolo called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. Roll was called; quorum is present. Introductions were made.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – Betty DeFazio from ARISE updated the Board members on the Transportation Network Company (TNC) Accessibility Task Force that she was appointed to by Governor Cuomo and co-chaired. Some final recommendations to the TNCs included accountability and oversight to improve accessibility and improve the availability of accessible vehicle. Recommendations were also made to State and Local Government, one of which was to establish an entity to provide oversight to the TNCs. Betty thanked everyone for their support.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Draft January minutes were emailed to Board members. It was noted that Keith Batman was marked as absent; actually he was excused. On a motion by Dr. Abbas Ispahani, seconded by Mike Greene, the January 24, 2019, minutes were approved as amended. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS – Laurie reported that Jennifer Frary has resigned from the CSB as she no longer meets the eligibility criteria for a non-Cayuga County resident.

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS – Ray Bizzari will present end-of-year reports for 2018 at the March CSB meeting.

VI. REPORT FROM OFFICERS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Mental Health Subcommittee – Chair Theresa Humennyj reported that agencies are on target with the Local Services Plan. This Subcommittee is preparing for Mental Health Awareness Month in May. CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) was discussed. A meeting was held in Albany to bring counties together prior to the development of a CIT. Theresa briefly discussed adult respite services. The MH Task Force will have an article in the Citizen newspaper in February or March. The County Administrator, Justin Woods, informed Board members of one of the features called Notify Me on the new Cayuga County website where you can sign up to be alerted when information is posted by any department.

- B. **PWDD Subcommittee** – No meeting was held in February. Ray mentioned though that the Central NY Director's Planning Group will be meeting regarding a pilot program regarding Medicaid waiver. Currently when a person with developmental disabilities goes on Medicaid, they lose their PWDD services.
- C. **Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee** – Board members were emailed draft February minutes. Sheriff Brian Schenck reported a small shift from opiates to other drugs such as Molly and cocaine. It was also noted that people are abusing Gabapentin. The Sheriff's Office and CHAD will be partnering to provide substance abuse treatment with peers to inmates with funds from the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services. Brian would like agencies to submit reports in advance so everyone would be able to look at the information before the Subcommittee meeting making more time during the meeting to address the Local Services Plan. It was announced that the ASA Subcommittee will meet at 89 York Street for the months of March, April, and May. The MH Subcommittee will hold all future meetings at 89 York Street. PWDD Subcommittee and the CSB will continue to meet at 146 North Street.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ray Bizzari reported. Dr. Mark Cattalani, who will be retiring as Director of Hutchings, will be starting at the Mental Health Center sometime in 2019. Ray talked about one idea regarding adult respite with peer support. He suggested combining some State Aid and sending out an RFP (Request for Proposal). He will bring this up at a future Board meeting. Ray distributed information re: CHASE (County-system Hub and Spoke Empowerment) which is an initiative to reduce opioid use. If funds are awarded, they will move through the counties and be managed by a Community Coalition of people. Ray will keep the Board updated.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Nominating Committee Update** – Laurie Piccolo reported that the Chief of Police, Shawn Butler, would like to sit on the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee. On a motion by Keith Batman, seconded by Mike Greene, Shawn Butler was approved for nomination by this Board to serve on the ASA Subcommittee. Motion carried. Undersigned will submit his name to the Cayuga County Legislature for final approval and appointment.

Vacancies and possible candidates of all Subcommittees were discussed. It was also mentioned that we can have a volunteer button on the Cayuga County website where individuals could fill out a nomination form and submit it.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **DCS Annual Evaluation Process** – Laurie announced she will be sending a link to all Board members to complete the evaluation process for Ray Bizzari, DCS. She would like responses by March 22nd and will review with the Board on March 28th.
- B. **Unallocated State Aid** – discussed above.
- C. **Parking issue** was brought up – CSB may find an alternative location to meet due to the lack of parking at 146 North Street.
- D. **Board liability** was brought up – Justin Wood, County Administrator, will research this for the Board and report back.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Tim Donovan would like any information distributed today to be forwarded to him by email. Cards were distributed today for Board members to sign.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1:10pm by Keith Batman, seconded by Steve Smith. Motion carried. **The next scheduled meeting of the Community Services Board is Thursday, March 28, 2019.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Piwinski". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Liz Piwinski
CSB Secretary