

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Alcohol & Substance Abuse Subcommittee

March 3, 2021

Members Present: Shari Weiss, Chair; Shawn Butler; Michael Greene; Gary Mann; JoLynn Mulholland; Brian Schenck
Members Excused: Timothy Donovan; Laurie Piccolo
Guests Present: Monika Salvage; Jason “Wally” Meyers; Rick Hansinger; Mica Gonzalez; Kevin Hares; Ashley Short
Staff: Ray Bizzari, Jennifer Coughlin, CCCMHC

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Shari Weiss called the meeting to order at 12:02 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 February 3, 2021 minutes. On a motion by Shawn Butler, seconded by JoLynn Mulholland, the February 3, 2021 minutes were approved. Motion carried.

At this time Shari moved to New Business.

HEALing Communities 2020 Data Update – Monika Salvage

Monika Salvage gave a presentation on the HEALing Communities 2020 Data Update. A copy of the presentation has been included with the minutes. Highlights included:

- An overview of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic during the past year
- NARCAN distribution and administration
- MOUD Stigma Campaign
- MOUD Awareness Campaign
- Supported peer workforce
- Overdoses and fatalities increase from 2019 to 2020
- Map of Cayuga County and the City of Auburn to show areas affected by overdoses and the hot spots
- Building a system of care that helps people change their lives

IV. AGENCY REPORT Q & A

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

V. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ray updated on the following:

- Due to COVID-19 during 2020, the Adult Peer Respite program was postponed. There is a meeting scheduled in the next few weeks to discuss this program.
- There will be a meeting with Rick Hansinger from Nick’s Ride to add peer support for the Mobile Crisis Team.
- There is currently a plan in the state budget to merge OMH and OASAS. They anticipate a multi-year process before this merger is completed.

- Prevention plans are due May 1st. Ray will be working with Kevin Hares to integrate DFCC work into a comprehensive strategy.
- There is a bill pending in the legislature regarding jails providing all forms of MAT. Currently, the jails are using their budgets to cover the cost of these medications.
- CCCMHC will be bringing staff back into the building.
- Continuing to work with Cayuga County Legislature regarding transition for his retirement.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Updates

- Kevin Hares advised that CHAD has not received any information from OASAS regarding full reopening plans.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

HEALing Communities 2020 Data Update – Monika Salvage
Discussed after the review of minutes.

Shari attended the Cayuga Care Transition Coalition Meeting. At that meeting, ACH reported that they were seeing a huge increase in the number of individuals struggling with substance abuse disorder and people are presenting in the ER extremely sick. They asked that if you know someone is sick and needs to go to the hospital, please encourage them to do so. Additionally, if any agencies have brochures/information about their programs, please bring to the ER and request the information be given to Shelly Sennett. Discussion took place regarding peer support in the emergency department and how agencies are supporting this service.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None this month.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m. on a motion by Michael Greene and seconded by Brian Schenck. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula M. Rubano, Senior Clerk
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