

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Alcohol & Substance Abuse Subcommittee

March 6, 2019

Members Present: Brian Schenck, Chair; Michael Greene; Cynthia Malek; Laurie Piccolo
Member via Phone: Timothy Donovan
Members Excused: Chris Soprano
Guests Present: Ashley Short, Unity House; Lisa Bowline, Helio Health; Kevin Hares, CHAD; JoLynn Mulholland, DFCC; Joel Campagnola, Nick's Ride 4 Friends; Julie Piascik, Cayuga County Sheriff's Office
Staff: Ray Bizzari, CCCMHC

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Brian Schenck called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Chair Schenck 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 6, 2019 minutes. On a motion by Laurie Piccolo, seconded by Michael Greene, the February 6, 2019 minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

Brian discussed streamlining the meeting by having the monthly reports submitted in advance so they can be reviewed prior to the meeting. This would allow time to discuss the goals of the Local Services Plan. Brian thanked the agencies that provided a report this month.

- ACH ER – No report this month.
- CHAD – Kevin Hares
 - Working with the jail and Ray on the funds received from OASAS to be used for the jail.
 - Working on a project with East Hill Family Medical.
 - Looking to increase board membership with some diversity in skill sets. JoLynn has been helping by submitting the names of potential candidates.
- Drug Court – No report this month.
- GRACE House – Ashley Short
 - On a request from Mike, Ashley provided further clarification on Synthetic Undetectable Drug Use Protocol implemented at Unity House and the expectations for holding residents accountable.
 - Laurie addressed Ashley's inquiry in her report regarding including the number of referrals GRACE House receives. Laurie stated that this would be beneficial. Ashley updated they are receiving referrals for people with serious and persistent mental health issues that cannot be addressed safely in a community residence.
 - On a request from Ray, Ashley updated on the 820 conversion. The application has been submitted and they are only applying for 820 reintegration element of care.

- Helio Health – Lisa Bowline
 - A report was submitted prior to the meeting. No clarification was required.
- Cayuga County Mental Health – Ray Bizzari
 - Ensured everyone received the Q & A for the Chase Grant. Ray will be participating in a site visit from National Institute of Drug Abuse that will take place tomorrow. There will be an announcement on April 1st regarding who will be receiving funding. Ray gave a brief overview of the grant.
- Cayuga County Jail – Brian Schenck
 - DWI statistics for February: County Sheriff's Department had four arrests, Auburn Police Department had five arrests, and the New York State Police has eight arrests.
 - Kevin Hares commented on the passing of Charles Jayne and his involvement and commitment in the community. Kevin stated he will be missed as he was an essential part of the community.
- Drug Free Community Coalition – JoLynn Mulholland
 - Applying for the STOP Grant for \$50,000 in collaboration with healthy network.
 - Working with local law enforcement to create a social host law in Cayuga County.
 - Looking at the limitation of the number of dispensaries for marijuana usage that could happen in our county. This is an environmental strategy that other coalitions implement. Discussion took place regarding this issue.
 - Working with the SADD students on photo voice project which will be showcased in June.
 - Looking toward hiring a Youth Engagement Coordinator to establish a youth coalition.
 - Received a letter that SAMHSA will be eliminating our grant. Another federal agency will be taking over the grant but not sure who that will be as of yet.
 - Purchased Parent & Pot detectors to be handed out at tabling events. Provided an overview of how these detectors are utilized.
 - Participating in the Career Fair in March at Cayuga Community College.
 - Youth Lock-In will take place next weekend at the YMCA. Flyers were distributed. Looking for volunteers ages 18 years or older.
 - May 9th bringing in Smart Approaches to Marijuana to educate the community on adolescent use and the effects it has on youth.
- Community – Tim Donovan
 - Updated on the social host law proposal and his discussion with the District Attorney. Brian gave an overview of the law which holds people accountable for hosting a party for underage kids where alcohol is being consumed.
- Syracuse Recovery Services – No report this month.
- Other Reports
 - Nick's Ride 4 Friends – Joel Campagnola
 - In January and February the 2720 program had 53 people attend and the 1770 program had 1,831 people attend for a total of 1,884 people who came through their doors for service. Since October the numbers continue to increase.
 - Working towards obtaining a van to increase programming opportunities.
 - Laurie inquired if they had paid positions. They currently have one full time and two part time paid positions.
 - Updated on an obstacle he is facing with a hearing impaired client and his inability to provide services. Discussion took place regarding assistance.
 - Ray requested Nick's Ride 4 Friends be added to the monthly agenda.

- Brian updated on the distribution of the agency monthly reports. Discussion took place if these reports should be shared with agencies. As a result of the discussion it was decided the reports will be shared with both members and agencies on the ASAS Subcommittee. It was suggested the agencies use discretion and not provide confidential information in the report; however, this information may be shared during the meeting.
- Ashley requested that someone look over her report regarding critical reporting incidents to be sure she is sharing what needs to be shared.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Kevin shared a discussion with a 17 year old youth regarding his drug abuse history. The youth shared how he was not using heroin because he could die or overdose. However he was using cocaine, molly, and marijuana on a regular basis. Kevin noted how people are splitting out their drug use based on what they think will kill them as opposed to what won't kill them. The information that is out there regarding heroin is making an impact but that doesn't prevent them from using other drugs. Discussion took place on the shift they are seeing in using other drugs.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Community Services Board Goals and Objectives – Brian Schenck
 - Distributed copies of the Local Services Plan. Brian would like one item on the plan to be addressed during the meeting. He requested that each person review the plan prior to the next meeting and identify an area they feel would be a priority.
 - Mike updated on the workforce recruitment and retention goal. Cayuga Community College is waiting on approval on a Human Services degree that may be ready for the fall semester. Also discussed the benefits of certificate programs.
 - Further discussion took place on how goals on the Local Services Plan were completed in the past. Additional suggestions for priority goals were discussed.

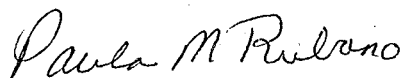
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laurie updated that the Nominating Committee has met with Shawn Butler, Chief of Police for the Auburn Police Department. His application is being processed to join the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee as a member.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m. on a motion by Laurie Piccolo and seconded by Michael Greene. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula M. Rubano, Senior Clerk
Cayuga County Mental Health Center