

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Community Services Board

Minutes

March 28, 2019

- Members Present:** Laurie Piccolo, Chair; Theresa Humennyj, Vice Chair; Danielle Collier; Tim Donovan via telephone; Michael Greene; Abbas Ispahani, MD; Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson; David Sealy; Stephen Smith.
- Staff/Guests Present:** Ray Bizzari, DCS, Jennifer Coughlin, Deputy Director, Mental Health Center (MHC); Betty DeFazio, ARISE; Deena Dombroske, Helio Health; James Breslin, E. John Gavras Center; Michele VanGesin, ARC of Seneca Cayuga.
- Members Excused:** Keith Batman; Mike Didio; Aileen McNabb-Coleman; Sheriff Brian Schenck; Jaime Wilson.

I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – Invitations from ARISE were distributed for their 40 years of Inclusion and Achieving Independence event taking place in May.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Draft February minutes were emailed to Board members. On a motion by Dr. Ispahani, seconded by Steve Smith, the February 28, 2019, minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS – No communications this month.

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS – MHC 2018 Year-End Summary of Revenue and Expenditures report was distributed to Board members. Ray went over some of the key points. If any Board member has a question regarding the report, they can call Ray or discuss question at the next meeting. This report will be presented to the Board semi-annually.

VI. REPORT FROM OFFICERS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

- A. **Mental Health Subcommittee** – Chair Theresa Humennyj reported. The Subcommittee is very active. They continue to work on reducing stigma. May is Mental Health Awareness Month; plans for promoting this are in the works. A Children's Mental Health Awareness event will take place on May 2nd at Cayuga Centers. A banner will be displayed in downtown Auburn for Mental Health Awareness. Theresa thanked Ray and Jennifer for their help in securing the banner. NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness) is putting on a play at Cayuga Community College on May 3rd *Every Brilliant Thing*. Theresa reported that everything is status quo with the agencies. Agencies are reporting that services are up and meeting the needs of the community.
- B. **PWDD Subcommittee** – No meeting was held in March due to the lack of a quorum.
- C. **Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee** – Board members were emailed draft March minutes. Chair Brian Schenck was excused from today's meeting; Laurie Piccolo reported on his behalf. Chair Schenck has asked all agencies to submit their reports early so that they can be reviewed prior to the meeting which would free up meeting time to focus on the Local Services Plan. Kevin Hares, Executive Director of CHAD (Confidential Help for Alcohol and Drugs), is working with Ray to plan for the use of funds received from the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. Discussed potential candidates to sit on the ASA Subcommittee. The Drug

Free Community Coalition is applying for a STOP DWI Grant of \$50,000. Youth Lock-in is scheduled for this weekend. Discussed Smart Approaches to Marijuana which will take place on May 9th to educate the community on its effects on youth. Nick's Ride 4 Friends reported a total number of people served during the months of January and February as 1,884. They are looking to secure a van to increase program services. They currently have 1 full time and 2 part-time staff positions. The next meeting of this Subcommittee is April 3rd at Unity House on Wright Avenue.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ray Bizzari reported on his meeting with Judge Thurston of Auburn City Court regarding Drug and Behavioral Health Courts. Ray talked about the waiver Auburn Community Hospital has to admit for detox with no co-occurring medical diagnosis. The hospital wants to act on the waiver, but they will have to prescribe Suboxone. The ED doctors agreed to this, but a provider will have to see the client on their 5th day of discharge. Kevin Hares from CHAD is working on how to get this done. Ray reported that Cayuga County was one of the counties who received the CHASE (County-system Hub and Spoke Empowerment) grant which will be used to reduce opioid use. Ray asked Dr. Ispahani to address the Board regarding the drug Ketamine which can be used for treatment resistant depression.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Nominating Committee Update** – Laurie Piccolo reported. The Nominating Committee interviewed a few candidates. On a motion by Tim Donovan, seconded by Dr. Ispahani, the following candidates are approved for nomination by this Board:

Gary Mann for Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee
Elizabeth Signorelli for People With Developmental Disabilities
Joan Myers for People With Developmental Disabilities.

Motion carried. Undersigned will submit names to the Cayuga County Legislature for final approval and appointment. A few interviews have been scheduled for next month.

B. **Directors and Officers Liability Insurance** - Justin Woods, County Administrator, sent an email stated that he met with the insurance agent for the County who stated that Board and Subcommittee members are covered under the County's D and O liability insurance.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Executive Session** – Executive Session was table until next month on a motion by Tim Donovan, seconded by Steve Smith. Carried.

X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Undersigned distributed the annual declaration of affiliations form that Board members have to complete and return.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made at 1:10pm by Steve Smith, seconded by Theresa Humennyj. Motion carried. **The next meeting of the Community Services Board is Thursday, April 25, 2019.**

Respectfully submitted,



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CSB Secretary