

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

September 9, 2021

Members Present: Stephen Smith (Chair), Shannon Abate, Timothy Donovan, Lorie Fischer, Kimberly Granato, Elizabeth Signorelli
Members Excused: Katherine Dunchak, Andrea Hansen, Joan Meyers
Members Absent: None
Staff/Guests Present: Dan Lesinski, Cayuga Centers; Joyce McGlynn, Lifeplan; Helen Schatz and Theresa Sheldon, OPWDD; Michele VanGiesen, Mozaic

- I. **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER** – Called to order by Steve at 12:02pm. Introductions were made.
- II. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD** – None.
- III. **REVIEW OF MINUTES** – Members were emailed a draft of the July 8, 2021 minutes. On a motion by Timothy, seconded by Elizabeth, the minutes were approved as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. **LOCAL SERVICES PLAN** – Steve shared that this committee's contributions to the LSP were all included.
- V. **AGENCY REPORTS** – Agency reports were requested and sent prior to the meeting. Updated copies of the Agency Service Openings Chart were sent prior to the meeting.
 - **ARISE** – No representation.
 - **Cayuga Centers** – Started process with OPWDD to expand weekend respite program from eight to ten residents. Engagement skills program (one-on-one skill building) being offered with the help of a behavior analyst. Looking for referrals for this program, which serves eleven people in a calendar year. Everyone has returned to DayHab and referrals are being accepted. CommHab continuing to grow and do well. Weekday respite continues to grow. Family reimbursement allows up to \$1500 to qualifying families – still have opportunities for families to apply, either through care managers or by directly contacting Cayuga Centers. Steve asked Dan to send information on the engagement skills program to Kelsey to distribute.
 - **Cayuga Counseling** – No representation.
 - **DDRO** – No updates to share.
 - **Gavras Center** – No representation.
 - **Mozaic** – Staffing crisis has made things very challenging. Trying to work with care coordinators to get people to participate in person as requested. Filled positions in CommHab so resuming services with some people they were not able to bring back before. One vacancy in program (trying to fill that position) and there is a wait list. Recently hired a job developer; they will be doing access referrals and helping people obtain jobs. Merging of contracts/services between counties allows for more ACCES opportunities. There are a few supervised apartment vacancies.
 - **Onondaga Community Living** – No representation.
 - **Unity House** – No representation.

- VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Ray and Jennifer were both not present for this meeting; director's report tabled until next meeting. Steve shared that he is on the committee that will hire Ray's replacement upon his retirement.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS** – None discussed.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS** – None discussed.
- IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Timothy praised the OPWDD informational table and the employees who staffed it at the State Fair. Helen and Theresa were happy to hear this. Steve shared that he went to the open house for the new Nick's Ride facility. Steve asked Timothy to reach out to invite a representative from Nick's Ride to a meeting in the next few months.
- X. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 12:37pm on a motion by Shannon and seconded by Lorie. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelsey R. Marquart", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kelsey R. Marquart, Senior Typist