

Cayuga County Community Services Board

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Community Services Board

Minutes

September 26, 2019

Members Present: Laurie Piccolo, Chair; Theresa Humennyj, Vice Chair; Mike Didio; Tim Donovan; Michael Greene; Abbas Ispahani, MD; Aileen McNabb-Coleman; Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson; Sheriff Brian Schenck; David Sealy.

Staff/Guests Present: Jennifer Coughlin, Deputy Director, Elizabeth Burke, Compliance Officer, Maureen Brennan, Staff Social Worker, Mental Health Center (MHC); Betty DeFazio, Arise; Kristan Bissett, Helio Health; Kristina Ciesielski, Hillside Children's Center.

Members Excused: Keith Batman; Camille Johnson; Stephen Smith; 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. Ray Bizzari could not attend today's meeting.

II. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – Nothing today.

At this time a motion was made by Dr. Ispahani to modify the Agenda to have Hillside present today before the Report from Officers and Subcommittees; motion was seconded by Tim Donovan. Motion carried.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Draft July minutes were emailed to Board members. On a motion by Mike Didio, seconded by Dr. Ispahani, minutes of the July 25, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS – None this month.

VI. REPORT FROM OFFICERS AND SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Mental Health Subcommittee – Draft minutes were not available at today's meeting. Chair Humennyj reported that all goes well. The Subcommittee discussed preparing for 2020 Mental Health Awareness Day which she stated will be a common monthly discussion. They also discussed that they are working on a brochure to educate citizens on stigma. Good turnout with agency reports was reported.

At this time, Kristina Ciesielski from Hillside Children's Center made a presentation on the services they provide. She distributed a brochure. After the presentation, a motion was made by Theresa Humennyj and seconded by Tim Donovan that the Community Services Board supports Hillside programming and authorizes Ray Bizzari on behalf of the CSB to sign a letter of support. Motion carried.

B. PWDD Subcommittee – Draft minutes were emailed to Board members. Chair Stephen Smith was excused from today's meeting. Tim Donovan updated Board members on the group of volunteers that will be meeting to discuss the Local Services Plan with regard to employment aspect.

- C. **Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee** – Draft minutes were emailed to Board Members. Chair Mike Greene reported that the head of ACH's Emergency Department shared numbers with the Subcommittee. Chair Greene also reported that CHAD is working closely with peers out at the jail. Nick's Ride 4 Friends sees many people each month. Mike also reported that the agencies will be sending reports prior to the meeting so that more time can be spent on certain topics pertaining to the Local Services Plan.

- VII. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – A presentation was made by members of FAST (Families Access to Services Team) – Elizabeth Burke and Maureen Brennan. They distributed FAST brochures and a brochure explaining Dialectical Behavioral Therapy for adolescents and young adults. Also handed out was a sheet explaining SAMHSA/Rural Juvenile Justice grants. Jennifer Coughlin gave the Director's report. Talked about CIT and working with law enforcement to better respond to people in crisis. Some discussion took place regarding CHAD and Mental Health services at the jail. Jennifer stated that we are always working on Value Based Payments.

At this time, Dr. Ispahani talked about how suicide rates have increased by 30 percent over the last few years. This topic will be added to the next Agenda.

Dr. Ispahani was excused at 1:05pm.

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. **Nominating Committee Update** – It was announced that Tim Donovan was appointed as member-at-large to serve on the Nominating Committee. No other update except that newly appointed board member Camille Johnson will attend November's meeting.
- B. **Bylaws Discussion** – No more attending meetings by phone.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Hillside's Request for Letter of Support** – discussed earlier in the meeting.

X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

At this time, discussion went back to the increase in the suicide rates over the last few years. It was suggested that maybe someone could be invited to the meeting to present on this topic. It was also suggested that the Board should be updated on programs they support.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mike Didio and seconded by Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson, the meeting adjourned at 1:12pm. Motion carried. The next scheduled meeting of the Community Services Board is Thursday, October 24th at noon at the CAP office at 89 York Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Piwinski
CSB Secretary