

Cayuga County Community Services Board
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Alcohol & Substance Abuse Subcommittee
October 6, 2021

Members Present: Shari Weiss, Chair; Sarah Dawson; Timothy Donovan; Michael Greene; Gary Mann; JoLynn Mulholland; Laurie Piccolo
Members Excused: Brian Schenck
Guests Present: Monika Salvage; Jason “Wally” Meyers; Rick Hansinger; Carol Colvin; Mica Gonzalez
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 July 7, 2021 minutes. On a motion by Timothy Donovan, seconded by Gary Mann, the July 7, 2021 minutes were approved. Motion carried.

IV. AGENCY REPORT Q & A

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

V. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ray Bizzari provided an update on the following:

- ❖ The success in prescribing buprenorphine to clients with opioid dependence.
- ❖ The loss of continued funding for the Drug Free Community Coalition. Looking for ways to obtain a prevention resource, especially for kids.

At this time, Ray asked Monika Salvage from the HEALing Communities Study to provide an update. Highlights included:

- ❖ Strategies to advance and improve access to medications for opioid use disorder in different settings. They are providing a series of grand round sessions with experts from different healthcare fields that have been historically underserved. Educational sessions have been developed for emergency room providers, OB/GYN providers for pregnant women, primary care physicians, and pharmacists.
- ❖ They will be holding their first meeting tomorrow (October 7, 2021) for the newly formed Overdose Task Force. This task force was created by the HEALing Communities Study to focus on high risk people who recently overdosed.
- ❖ Provided an update on the numbers that were released at the end of September; 219 overdoses and 13 fatalities.
- ❖ Concern over funding issues and the loss of continued funding for the DFCC which included prevention efforts for youth. Youth are not in the scope for the HEALing Communities Study. As they are nearing the end of their funding, they are looking towards comprehensive efforts to respond to substance abuse issues through prevention, education, and intervention.
- ❖ Discussion took place regarding the overdose data, specifically “Does the data show if the person who overdosed was a resident or visitor?” Based on the discussion, this data has not been tracked.

Ray updated that he and Monika met with Eric Bresee, Director of Farnham. Farnham received a SAMHSA grant allowing them to open opiate treatment programs. They will be opening a satellite in Mexico (Oswego County). Tentatively looking at CHAD and Nick's Ride in Cayuga County for additional locations.

Discussion took place regarding people presenting at the emergency room who are needing detox or overdose treatment services after being released from the hospital and if their needs are being met by the hospital staff.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- ✓ COVID-19
 - No updates were provided.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- ✓ HEALing Communities Study
 - Updates provided above under the Director's Report.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheri provided the follow updates:

- ❖ The DFCC did not receive year 6-10 funding. However, the DFCC will remain active in conjunction with STOP Act Cayuga. This an alcohol program funded through SAMHSA. They will be shifting their focus to alcohol prevention. JoLynn updated that she had a meeting with the Overdose Prevention Program to close out the OPP and that she may have extra Narcan to distribute.
- ❖ Cayuga Community Health Network now has a street outreach and advocacy coordinator who will be working with people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless and connecting them with services. If you have someone who is homeless or at risk of being homeless, you may contact Nicole at 315-252-4212 x101 or ngee@cayugahealthnetwork.org.

Mica Gonzalez, Central Region Addiction Resource Center, provided the following updates:

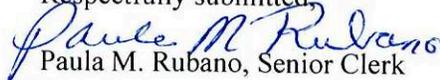
- ❖ Mica covers Cayuga, Onondaga, Madison, Cortland, and Oswego counties.
- ❖ They provide Narcan training twice a month. In August they trained 75 people and in September, 53 people. So far in October, three people were trained.
- ❖ Working on a project that focuses on the role pets and animals play in people's recovery and wellness. They will be holding a pet costume contest. More information forthcoming. There will be a panel discussion the last week of month to discuss how pets and animals are instrumental in recovery and wellness.
- ❖ Working on providing deterra bags for animal rescue organizations.

Timothy Donovan updated that he is attending Cayuga Community College to receive his CASAC certification. Additionally, he has been appointed to their college newspaper, *The Collegian*. He will be writing some columns on alcohol and substance abuse and mental health awareness. He will be attending a meeting on Friday and updated that on the agenda it was noted that the school will be providing Narcan training to staff and students. Monika recognized Jerimy Blowers as being instrumental in obtaining Narcan for the college.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m. on a motion by Timothy Donovan and seconded by Michael Greene. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Paula M. Rubano, Senior Clerk

Cayuga County Mental Health Center