

# Cayuga County Community Services Board

Michael Mancini, Chair

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## PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

January 3, 2013

**Members Present:** Ryan Morrell, Chair; Toni Turner; Susan Barrette; Kelly Jean Shanahan; Angela Wawrzaszek; Diane Dolcemasolo

**Staff/Guests Present:** Ray Bizzari, Karen Killips, Linda Murphy, Cayuga Counseling; Jackie Richards-Wood, Cayuga Centers; Darlene Rodolak, Unity House; Kate Sinicropi, Seneca Cayuga ARC

### I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ryan Morrell called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Chair Morrell 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 December minutes. On a motion by Toni Turner, seconded by Sue Barrette, the December 2012 minutes were approved as submitted. Carried.

### IV. FINANCIALS - None this month. To be done quarterly.

### V. AGENCY REPORTS

Members discussed changes to the Agency Service Openings/Vacancies form. Under the Residential column "At home Res Hab" for Unity House and Gavras were changed to read "Community Hab" and "CS Day Hab" for ARC will now fall under "Comm Habilitation".

Kate Sinicropi from Seneca Cayuga ARC - Reported MSC waitlisted. Also gave an update on Community Hab Meeting in October. Of the 13 agencies providing information on their Community Hab program funds, 1 agency had reported a surplus, 1 agency was breaking even and all others were in a deficit. Discussion revolved around staffing and funds in Community Hab.

Darlene Rodolak from Unity House - Reported Residential is full. MSC/Respite/Day & Community Hab - need to contact agency directly. Unity House is finishing up strategic planning review for previous 3 years and working on next 3 years. Nominations are being accepted for the Fred Atkins Award in which winners will be announced in April.

Linda Murphy from Cayuga Counseling - Reported 6 openings in MSC. There is a Social Skills group for children from ages 13 & 14. This group is supported by the Family Support Fund. Referrals for this group can come from anyone.

Jackie Richards-Wood from Cayuga Centers - Reported MSC openings in Onondaga and Cayuga, Respite has 1-2 openings for girls.

### VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ray updated the Committee on the Suicide Prevention training in January. There is still availability to attend ASIST training on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. If interested in attending you can email Liz Piwinski. SafeTALK, Prevention & Postvention training, on January 8<sup>th</sup> and has some openings available.

Update also included:

- The lease for Unity House IRPT moving into the CMHC building.
- Dr. Joseph Touchtone will be joining CMHC in January with Dr. Stanley Poreba leaving the end of next week.
- CMCH staff met with representatives from Upstate regarding Dynamic Deconstructive Therapy training. A team of 4 therapists are being trained and after 18 months will be trainers eligible to assist other providers.
- State Aid contracts need outcome measurements from agencies. Encouraged members to be sure agency provides this information to Ray.
- Autism meeting was held with representatives from the Kelberman Center to discuss next steps for providing autism services locally. Autism task force will be putting together a brochure to help agencies and families.
- Options for Independence is re-establishing their relationship with ARISE.
- CMHC is working the CENTRO to provide shelters outside the CMHC facility.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS - None this month**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Ryan distributed an updated version of the OPWDD Priority Outcomes for Subcommittee. Members reviewed this document with discussion on the following strategies:

1.3 – Seneca Cayuga ARC will sponsor a Medication Administration class for providers. – Kate advised they lost their O/A nurse who was handling Medication Administration class.

1.4 – Increase the opportunities for providers to share updated information, feedback and concerns with Auburn Community Hospital staff regarding special needs consumers. – Discussion revolved about concerns of not knowing procedures of BHU and ER long wait times. Ray will invite members of Auburn Community Hospital to February OPWDD meeting to discuss concerns.

Ray gave an update on Health Homes. The State Plan has approved 3 health homes. A list of eligible people is being established. Managed Care is also rolled into Health Homes. Health Homes program anticipated beginning in May or June with full implementation by summer. Ray offered to setup a meeting among the agencies so they can discuss how to share information. OPWDD is working on similar development identified as DISCOs.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1 pm on a motion by Tom Turner, and seconded by Kelly Shanahan. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula M. Rubano, Clerk  
Cayuga County Mental Health Center