

Seneca County Community Services Board

3-20-2012

Present: Howard Schler, Peter Same, Dr. Papperman, Susan Ganser, Roberta Fisher

Guests: Tammy Orlopp, Wendy Dressing, Scott LaVigne, Joelene Orlando, Shelby Fisher, Susan Hammond

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Schler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Same, seconded by Ms. Ganser, and approved.

Announcements: None.

Subcommittee Reports: None.

Committee Reports: None. Shelby Fisher will meet with Mr. Schler about possible membership with the CSB, and will attend the OPWDD subcommittee meeting on 4/10/12.

Administrative Remarks:

1. **Mental Health Clinic Units** of Service for **February 2012** were 1,145, which represents a 16% increase from February of 2011's units.
2. **Addictions Clinic Units** of Service for **February 2012** were 491, which represents a 15% increase from the number of units delivered in February 2011.
3. **Mental Health Clinic Waiting-list** – There is no Waiting list.
4. **CQI** – No new CQI Information report at this time.
5. **Mental health Clinic Restructuring/Addictions Clinic APGs** – Some billing issues that were mentioned during the last CSB meeting, regarding claims being denied due to software issues with our vendor, the 1011 Group, have begun to be resolved. Scott called one of the principal partners in the 1011 Group and he was able to work with Tracy Nicandri and Jennifer Thorpe to resolve most of the billing issues such that claims are being paid.
6. **SPF SIG Grant**: The Seneca County Substance Abuse Coalition finished their first quarterly report for the SPF SIG grant, have finished collecting all pertinent grant start-up data and are now ready to roll-out the data reports as well as the enter into the implementation phase of the grant.

7. **Seneca & Tompkins County OMH Performance Based Early Recognition Coordination and Screening Grant** – Scott attended a meeting of the Western OMH region’s EIR grant recipients on 3-12-12. Discussed the mechanics of the grant (i.e. reporting formats etc.) and had an opportunity to share on our effort’s progress to date. Our program is ahead of most of those in the region in terms of developing a clear marketing plan and strategy, and the printed materials we have developed thus far received glowing comments from those in attendance.
8. **Health Home Update** – No new health Home information to report at this time.
9. **Scott Delivers Training**- On 3-14-12 Scott delivered part of training to coalition and prevention providers on the use of the OASAS County Planning System’s data to inform their work. Over 25 attended and follow-up evaluations were very positive.
10. **New Jail Mental Health Counselor** – on 3/12/12 Kaitlyn Freiling started as our new full time jail mental health clinician. Kaitlyn comes to us from her previous job at Wayne Behavioral Health, where she worked in their Jail program and also in their outpatient mental health program before accepting our offer. Kaitlyn already has a full caseload at the jail, and has worked closely with Mary Grace.
11. **Sliding Scale Fee Schedule Updated** – After several meetings of the department’s management and fiscal team members, the SCCCC will soon roll-out our new sliding scale fee schedule. This schedule had not been updated in over 20 years, and was in need of being tied to objective standards. The new schedules are based on the newly released Federal Poverty Levels. These two schedules were developed to take into account the differences in the frequency of service-provision between the substance abuse and mental health clinics. The new schedules will go into effect as soon as we have had time to adequately prepare clients for this change. We have also increased our peer-advocate’s availability to help each clinic’s clients who are eligible for Medicaid to assist these clients in the Medicaid enrollment process. Thanks to Wendy Dressing, Greg Keefe, Tracy Nicandri, Tammy Orlopp, Jennifer Thorpe, Christine Tompkins, and Sue Hammond for all their hard work on this process.
12. **CCP/Beacon RBHO Regional Meeting** - On 2-29-12 Scott attended the Care Coordination Project/Beacon Health’s regional BHO meeting in Batavia NY. This meeting was well attended by providers and DCS alike, and allowed the BHO to provide a status report on the work to date in the region. Thus far our county has seen only limited BHO activity, as we this initiative is largely directed toward the inpatient mental health and substance abuse programs and for Medicaid FFS clients only (which accounts for only 18% of our Seneca County Medicaid population as we are a mandated Managed Care County).
13. **Drop In Center Softball Team** – On 3/9/12 Scott met with the Drop In Center Softball Team, the Seneca Connections Warriors, to discuss their uniforms for the upcoming season. The team colors will be orange and gray and we will be working with a vendor TBD to order these for the team.

14. **Greg Keefe to be 100% in Mental Health Department** – On 3-13-12 the Seneca County Board of Supervisors accepted the vacancy committee recommendation to have Greg Keefe provide 100% of his fiscal manager services within the Seneca County Mental Health Department. Prior to this Greg's time was shared between the Mental Health and Public Health Departments. This change will allow the Public Health Department to refill a vacant position with a higher level accounting clerk who would take over Greg's former Health Department duties. Given changes in public health billing, this move will actually save the Public Health Department money, and Greg's increased cost to the mental health department can be absorbed within the administration charges for our existing programs, with no additional expense to the county. A win for everyone!

The Ovid office has seen an increase in a demand for a certain type of service, so there is a waiting list there for that. EMDR is mostly for adults.

DBT training will be held on 4/18/12 at SCCCC for all clinicians (Mental Health and Addictions).

Old Business: Sheltered workshop will be kept on the agenda for one more meeting.

New Business: ASA subcommittee will meet on 4/17/12 at 5:30 p.m. at SCCCC. OPWDD and MH will meet on 4/10/12 at 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., respectively.

The next meeting will be held on 4/17/12 at 6:30 p.m. at SCCCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Same, seconded by Dr. Papperman, and carried.