

Seneca County Community Services Board

12-18-12

“Notes Only”

Announcements – None.

Subcommittee Reports: MH: Lisa Gulle has been hired full-time to replace Joe Denny as the ICM for children. Bob Dinan has been hired as the new Program Director of Clinical Services for SCCCC. Dr. Satti has retired. 1/15/13 Dr. Kashtan will start as Dr. Satti’s replacement (since this meeting his start date has been moved to 1/8/13). Mr. LaVigne will be meeting with the Drop-In Center staff to discuss the new Peer Specialist positions.

OPWDD: Respite use (Seneca-Cayuga ARC) reports will be sent to Mr. LaVigne quarterly so that it can be monitored. Seneca and Cayuga counties were both underutilized last year per the DDSO. ARC is moving towards a more person driven program. Transition planning will be addressed at the next meeting – Mr. LaVigne will invite the CSE chairs to the meeting.

ASA: The Council handed out their yearly report which included the fact that they have contracted with a volunteer to provide counseling help for gamblers. Two states have legalized marijuana use. Lakeview reported that they have 25 people admitted and 20 discharges for the year. Dick VanDyke is continuing to struggle to raise completion rates. Connie Richardson asked for upcoming support for the application for the Drug Free Community grant. There is a vacancy in Addictions. Vivitrol will be used as an opiate antagonist.

Administrative Remarks:

1. **Dr. Venkata Satti Retires** – After decades of service to Seneca County residents, Dr. Satti elected to retire as our staff psychiatrist in our Ovid satellite clinic office. While he was originally planning on serving until the end of 2012, he elected to stop providing direct service to patients the week of 11/5/12 and came in to finish some paperwork and say good bye to staff one last time later on in November. Dr. Satti will be sorely missed and the department plans to hold a more formal retirement party for Dr. Satti sometime in early 2013.
2. **Dr. Igor Kashtan to become Ovid Clinic Staff Psychiatrist** – Dr. Kashtan currently works at the Albion Correctional Facility in their mental health clinic, and was also working for one day per week in the Ontario Jail, until Ontario county elected to privatize their jail mental health services. Dr. Kashtan has a wealth of experience and will begin work for our Ovid clinic on 1/15/13.
3. **Mental Health Clinic Units** of Service for **October 2012** were 1,175, which represents a 5% increase from October of 2011’s units.
4. **Mental Health Clinic Units** of Service for **November 2012** were 1,175, which represents a 5% decrease from November of 2011’s units. This was largely due to still being down 1 full time psychiatric social worker, and going without the billable services of our Ovid Psychiatrist for most of November.

5. **Addictions Clinic Units** of Service for **October 2012** were 491, which represents a 33% increase from the number of units delivered in October 2011.
6. **Addictions Clinic Units** of Service for **November 2012** were 370, which represents a 16% increase from the number of units delivered in November 2011.
7. **Mental Health Clinic Waiting-list** – There is no Waiting list, however, as we have been without the services of our Ovid Psychiatrist since the end of October, there has been an increased wait for routine psychiatric appointments, as we have been forced to triage and prioritize our clients and those coming from hospital discharges for psychiatrist/medication appointments. This should be relieved when Dr. Igor Kashtan starts as our new staff psychiatrist in our Ovid office on 1/15/12.
8. **CQI** – The CQI committee met on 12/12/12 to review our options for the next CQI initiative and we elected to tackle the Health Promotion and Coordination Indicator given the current SC Mental Health Plans “Improved-Health Outcome” (4-4).
9. **Mental Hygiene Plan Progress Report:** Scott went over the 2012-2013 Seneca County Mental Hygiene Plan Progress Report’s and informed CSB members that the updates were mailed to them earlier in the day on 12/18/12. The Plan Progress Report is broken down into three word documents with a table format that allows CSB members to see:
 - Which strategies have not been started(Red);
 - Which strategies have already been reported as started (Green); and
 - Which strategies have had new activity since the last meeting (Yellow);
10. **Budget Approved by Board of Supervisors:** The Seneca County Board of Supervisors approved the 2013 budget on 12/11/12. The mental health department had:
 - cuts made to the training budget
 - cuts made to our budget line item for gasoline;
 - we increased revenue projections for both the mental health and substance abuse clinics (based on current trends); and
 - we agreed to recognize \$20,000 of claimed Federal Salary Sharing as revenue in our 2013 budget.
11. **Seneca County’s MUNIS Financial System begins:** The County is now implementing its new financial system, MUNIS. Wendy, Greg and Scott attended the one-day long training on the new system. Scott gave special thanks to Wendy for entering in the first trial-run of invoices and purchase orders (for the last warrant of 2012) into the new system.
12. **SCCCC EMR RFP Posted :** After two meetings of the RFP committee and numerous suggestions from those not on the committee as well, Scott posted the Request for Proposals document on the Seneca County Mental Health Department’s website and also

sent the RFP to all those who submitted an RFQ earlier in the Fall. Thus far Scott has received two formal responses to the RFP, and the due date is 12/21/12.

New Business: www.integration.com has a financial assistance program for people with a major mental illness to attend school. A physician and a therapist must sign off on the medication and medical information.

A quorum is needed in January in order to vote in the new Chair and Vice-Chair.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m. at SCCCC.