

# Seneca County Community Services Board

Pat Plyter, Chair

## Community Services Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020

(Conducted Via Videoconference)

**Members Present** – Pat Plyter, Tammy Anhorn, Veronica Mittak, Peter Same, Stanley Hatch, Susan Ottenweller, Joseph Lorenzetti, Ted Papperman

**Guests** - Margaret Morse, Tammy Orlopp, Kelly Smith, Kathy Sinkiewicz, John Cleere, Jennifer Palmer

**Excused** –Suzanne Lee, Michael Enslow, Lisa Heitmann, Peter Same

**Welcome** - Meeting was called to order. Introductions made.

**Secretary minutes from April-** Motion to accept initiated by Theodore Papperman and seconded by Stanley Hatch. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

**Public Announcement** – John Cleere – there is a police reform with three public forums set up for about 50 persons in attendance. This will be also conducted virtually and all are welcome. There is a survey online to help the police with services of what is liked and not liked. The survey is on the police websites and the county website. The dates for the Community forums are set for September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Ovid Fire Department, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Seneca Falls Community Center, and September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Waterloo Fire Department.

Pat Plyter- NAMI – Due to COVID-19, NAMI is doing all services virtually. They are offering free Mental Health first aid.

**Consumer Report** – None

**Committee Report (Ted Papperman)** – ASA Subcommittee meeting was held prior to the CSB meeting via zoom on September 15, 2020 9:00AM.

**Margaret Morse** – Review of the Admin remarks for June.

Through the State Opioid Response Grant we have received \$212,000 and have purchased a vehicle and this covers the salary of having one full time peer advocate and one part time peer advocate on site. We can get a no cost extension and can roll about \$90,000 to 2021.

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**Kelly Smith** – We are fully staffed. Clinicians are working 2 days in the clinic per week to see emergent and high risk clients. Integration is going well. In January 2021 we will start some new groups – a women’s group, adolescent anxiety group, and an adult anxiety group.

## **Bob Ritter - Coordinator of Children’s Services Report**

### **Systems of Care:**

The web site ([senecacares.org](http://senecacares.org)) has been updated and is available to the public. A presence also is being established on Facebook and Twitter. The Website Work Group will continue to monitor and update these sites. This work group has done a fantastic job with special kudos to Jessica Whitwood of Cayuga Centers for her work on the website and to Jennie Darling of Glove House and Tiffany Williams of the Health Dept. for their work on Facebook and Twitter accounts.

The other work group focuses on parent/family support issues. This group identified that many people are not aware of the amount of youth services that are available in Seneca County. The website and social media accounts will help make information more readily available to people. I also did a podcast interview with Josh Durso of Finger Lakes 1 to publicize the array of services.

I held a meeting with the service providers to open conversation as it relates to implementation of the SOC philosophy:

- a. It is important for Care Managers to be in contact with schools, therapists, other service providers, and anyone identified by the family as part of its support team. In some cases, school staff and therapists are not aware that the youth has a CM.
- b. Some families have indicated to the therapist that they feel overwhelmed by the amount of services they have. Services cannot be “family driven” in this scenario.
- c. It is important that families understand the services they are receiving, the name of the service, and the role providers and other team members play. A services “map” could be helpful.
- d. Providers should have a way to measure whether families feel they are “driving” services.

These will be ongoing topics for discussion and review.

**Pat Plyter** – Has received feedback from the board on Margaret’s yearly performance review. A meeting to go over this with Margaret will be held September 16, 2020.

**New Business** – Suzanne Lee is taking the rest of the year off from the board and MH subcommittee. Susan Ottenweller will be stepping in as Chair for MH subcommittee for the remainder of the year.

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Kathy Sinciewicz has attended three CSB meetings. An application and resume will be received from Mrs. Sinciewicz to the CSB members for approval to join the CSB as a member.

Another training will be offered in November 2020 for Crisis Intervention Training by Kaitlyn Laskoski and John Cleere. After this training there will be a trained officer on every shift for crisis intervention.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Susan Ottenweller and seconded by Ted Papperman.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday October 20, 2020 @ 6:30. OPWDD Subcommittee meeting will be held at 5:30PM VIA Zoom.