

Seneca County Community Services Board

Pat Plyter, Chair

Community Services Board Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020

(Conducted Via Videoconference)

Members Present – Pat Plyter, Tammy Anhorn, Peter Same, Stanley Hatch, Susan Ottenweller, Joseph Lorenzetti, Lisa Heitmann, Ted Papperman

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

Excused –Suzanne Lee, Michael Enslow

Absent – Veronica Mittak

Welcome - Meeting was called to order. Introductions made.

Secretary minutes from September- Motion to accept initiated by Stanley Hatch and seconded by Peter Same. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Public Announcement – Suzanne Lee has resigned from the CSB and MH Subcommittee. Susan Ottenweller will chair the Mental Health Subcommittee. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Consumer Report – None

Committee Report (Stanley Hatch) – OPWDD Subcommittee meeting was held prior to the CSB meeting via zoom on October 20, 2020 5:30PM.

John Cleere – Police forums went well. Had a large response from the surveys. Some of the issues during the forums were people are looking for mental health services, better communication between the public and the police, and more police presence. 93% of the surveys were positive. Now the police will formulate a plan. Once this is written and organized, the report will be published.

November 16, 2020 is the scheduled date for the next CIT (crisis intervention training) where 17 officers are signed up.

Just about everyday we are dealing with someone with a mental health or domestic violence issue. From January 2020 to October 202 we have had 371 calls regarding a mental health issue. Same time line, there have been 612 calls regarding a domestic violence issue. These calls vary county wide. Some of these calls are reclassified after the initial call.

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Margaret Morse – Review of the Admin remarks for September.

Tammy Orlopp – Annual Prevention report has been sent into the state.

Bob Ritter - Coordinator of Children's Services Report

Systems of Care:

The Seneca Care Network remains active and productive. The Seneca Cares Website is active and up to date. A work group is dedicated to maintaining this site. This group is in the process of establishing a presence on Facebook and Twitter as well.

The other work group addresses family/parent support issues. As a result of discussions within this group, I have met with officers of the Seneca Falls Police Dept. to review available services. These officers will give parents my card when they called to home due to youth behavior. Also, Jennifer Eastman, Social Worker for the adolescent behavioral health unit at Cayuga Medical Center, will meet with the Network in October.

School workers are doing what they can with the COVID-19. Children's safety comes first. We are doing what we can. We are there 8am to 3:30pm and do what we can. Taking things day by day. We need more training on the programs we are using. We are expected to keep teaching, every day is a struggle.

There has been a second positive case at South Seneca School district. This creates more challenges. The high school kids are not showing up when they are scheduled. Seneca Falls students are all going 5 days a week. We are all feeling the pressure of Hybrid learning/teaching. There are more referrals for colleagues for Mental Health services. There is a strain on technology.

New Business – Kathy Sinkiewicz and Jennifer Palmer have been here for three meetings. We will need to vote them into membership in the executive meeting. Stanley Hatch will meet with John Cleere to fill out an application for membership.

Motion to go into Executive Meeting was made by Dr Papperman and seconded by Stanley Hatch.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stanley Hatch and seconded by Dr. Ted Papperman.

Next meeting: Tuesday November 17, 2020 @ 6:30. MH Subcommittee meeting will be held at 5:30PM VIA Zoom.