

Seneca County Community Services Board

Pat Plyter, Chair

Community Services Board Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2021

(Conducted Via Videoconference)

Members Present – Tammy Anhorn, Joseph Lorezetti, Pat Plyter, Peter Same, Michael Enslow, Kathy Sinkiewicz, , Lisa Heitmann, John Cleere, Susan Ottenweller, Stanley Hatch

Guests - Margaret Morse, Tammy Orlopp, Jeanette Rock

Excused – Veronica Mittak, Theodore Papperman, Jennifer Palmer

Welcome - Meeting was called to order. Introductions made.

Secretary minutes from March - Motion to accept initiated by Peter Same and seconded by Susan Ottenweller. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Public Announcement – None

Consumer Report – None

Committee Report (Stanley Hatch) – OPWDD Subcommittee meeting was held prior to the CSB meeting via zoom on July 20, 2021 @ 5:30pm. Several agencies submitted reports for the last quarter.

OPWDD – Front Door is for new applicants and is monitored. Most meetings are online and if there is need a face to face session can happen. There is a Spanish speaking group that meets once a month.

LEC – Academy training will start in August. There are 20 applicants, 3 are from Seneca County.

Margaret Morse – Review of the Admin remarks for April.

Challenging with client numbers rising and we are down 4 positions. Two social workers have been hired and will start the end of August.

In a few weeks the clinic should hear about the results of the SAMSHA grant. This would provide \$1.8 million the first year and \$1.6 Million the second year. This would cover comprehensive crisis services providing 24/7 crisis intervention, telehealth services, Peer advocacy support and Recovery support services to individuals and families, provide transportation assistance as needed and workshops for staff.

DIC – Update on staffing for the Drop In Center. Lynda Stanistreet will stay on at the DIC. Spoke with state OMH to acquire a significant funding stream of about \$75,000 to help if this does not work out with Lynda staying at the DIC.

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Glove House has hired someone in the Hi-Fi position that was vacant.

Working with NY Center Suicide Prevention and some of the schools implementing sources of strength. Where kids who are struggling can get support from peers or report concerns. Two school districts have started this.

A group of parents have started a Facebook group called Stop Bullying 13165 – where a number of families and individuals were invited to the Elks Lodge for solution focusing on what parents can do to provide safe spaces and to help report and navigate other parents to get help. These will be monthly meetings

OD Map – there has been reported one overdose death and 11 overdoses in 2021.

Working toward Universal Suicide screening in health care offices.

DOH – received a 1.5 million dollar grant for improving health care in schools.

Domestic Violence Grant – This is not a grant per say, there was not an application. The grant is based on how many people we serve and other agencies involved and we were granted \$50,000. This grant money can be used to support victims and access to safe housing for domestic violence victims. Acceptance of funds allows participation in consortium and opportunity for future funding.

Pat Plyter – Waterloo PD is doing something for the children in the community. They are handing out youth tickets when they are found doing something positive or making smart choices. Police are trying to make a connection with the kids. These tickets are good for a free treat at Peppy's, Ciccinos, Bee's Café and D&M.

A Bullying discussion and programs in the community brought up about bullying in the schools, possibly an app for students to use. This app has been checked at other districts and there are a lot of false reports, which turns out to be a lot of work for someone.

Some group members believe there is a need to step up to stop bullying. There needs to be a focus on the child who is doing the bullying and help that child, to help prevent the bullying, find out why they are doing it, and help them through it. Kids act out for a reason – problems at school or at home. These kids are sent home or to a BOCES program when the need is to get to the root of the problem and help.

Tammy Orlopp – The Canopy has been great for groups. The canopy will come down when the weather starts to turn cold and put away for next year.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

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Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stanley Hatch and seconded by Peter Same.

Next meeting: Tuesday September 21, 2021 @ 6:30pm. ASA Subcommittee meeting will be held prior at 9:00am VIA Zoom and MH Subcommittee will be held prior at 5:30pm VIA Zoom.

AMENDMENT: Margaret discussed the Domestic Violence Grant-24/7 DV program out of MH department. Hotline-Crime victim; The NYS office of Assistance to Victims of DV have extra money for our county-\$50,000 available for safe housing; Margaret has a meeting with Safe Harbors. We may be able to supplement the funds and potentially contract with Safe Harbors to support. It also helps women pay 1st month rent or pay back rent...It doesn't support a staff position. It is a part of consortium of Safe Housing.

John reported that they have acquired a new building..working with the Office of Children & Family services that would accommodate 9 people including children...maybe by the end of the year or spring. It will be centrally located in Seneca County. this is a priority for Seneca, Ontario and Yates County.

Dr Lorenzetti was concerned that we aren't informed about the number of suicides in our county nor what's going on for Suicide Prevention. Margaret gets a report from Vicki Swinehart and will get to us quarterly. The question was raised "Do we need to discuss what we can do about these deaths. The Columbia screening is now in Electronic Health Record of FLH. Margaret will get this information to our Board monthly. Dr Lorenzetti was invited to sit on the Incident Review Committee to review deaths, incidents between patients and anything detrimental he could report to our Board.

Tammy Anhorn- Tiffany Williams is sharing resources. Margaret will meet with superintendents regularly. Mike Enslow sent an app to Tammy Anhorn on Bullying-She met with Terri Bavis about this app., other districts use this. Tammy will be talking to schools on Behavioral Intervention.

Check out social media test drive.org-online curriculum.