

Seneca County Community Services Board

Stanley Hatch, Chair

OPWDD SUBCOMMITTEE

July 20, 2021

(Conducted via videoconference)

Members Present: Stanley Hatch (chair), Lisa Leary (OPWDD State), Pat Plyter, Rose Palmieri, Margaret Morse (DCS), Kaitlyn Laskoski (LEC), Kathy Sinkiewicz, Jennifer Clark

Members Excused: Lisa Heitmann

Absent: Denise Vreeland

Introductions Made. Meeting was called to order Motion to accept secretary minutes from January. Motion to accept initiated by Pat Plyter and seconded by Rose Palmieri. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Carries.

Denise Vreeland – Mozaic – A report was distributed. Denise was not in attendance.

Lisa Leary – OPWDD – A report was distributed and reviewed. Front Door – In person sessions are still suspended. If qualified you may go to the website to sign up and a packet is mailed to your address. Sessions are done by telehealth and one on one in person sessions can be done. The time length process, format and materials are still the same. Spanish sessions are also available. Emergency for telehealth and will exist up to 6 months post the Federal pandemic. Every state will have telehealth. A new amendment is coming out that will take place when Appendix K stops. There are currently 312 people in Seneca County being served. FMap – this is a one time investment in home and community based services. This provides a temporary 10 percentage point increase to federal matching share for OPWDD waiver services from April 1, 2021 until March 31, 2022. OPWDD has asked for suggestions on how to use additional FMAP funds from stakeholders via public forums and other means. OPWDD hopes to receive approval to use the funds for frontline workforce crisis, also to expand system capacity for home and community based services.

Kaitlyn Laskoski – LEC – A report has been distributed and reviewed. There is a Corrections Academy in August, 20 officers will take this course, 3 are from Seneca County. Most are new recruits that have been on the force from a couple of months up to a year.

CIT training – planning and scheduling will start shortly. LEC needs to plan so as to not overlap with another county.

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There is still a staffing crisis at the jail.

Jennifer Clark – Person Centered Services – A report was distributed and reviewed. Mostly full staffed, but there are some staffing shortages with service providers. 35 is the norm for a caseload, but have been creeping up to 40 sometimes more. Face to face visits still require leadership approval. The Electronic Health Record has changed as of July 1, 2021. This is the third week and there are still challenging glitches.

Next meeting will be held October 19, 2021 @ 5:30pm. CSB to follow at 6:30pm.