

# Seneca County Community Services Board

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## Community Services Board Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2021

(Conducted Via Videoconference)

**Members Present** – Dr. Joseph Lorenzetti, Pat Plyter, Kathy Sinkiewicz, Jennifer Palmer, Stanley Hatch, John Cleere, Lisa Heitmann, Tammy Anhorn, Dr. Theodore Papperman, Susan Ottenweller

**Guests** - Margaret Morse, Tammy Orlopp, Jeanette Rock, Brenda Black

**Excused** – Veronica Mittak, Peter Same, Mike Enslow

**Welcome** - Meeting was called to order. Quorum present. Brenda Black was introduced. She has been promoted from the Senior Psychiatric Social Worker position into the Program Director of Clinical Services, to replace Kelly Smith and she started yesterday October 18, 2021. Introductions were made.

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

**Public Announcement** – None

**Consumer Report** – Jeanette Rock, Drop Inn Center – Memberships have been good coming in. There have had about 75 members that have been coming in per week. The NYCC pool is open and the college is trying to train 4 more people as lifeguards so they can open up the pool for more hours. It is nice to see new faces coming in every day.

Pat Plyter has interviewed Jeanette Rock this is her third meeting and at the end of this meeting there will be an executive meeting.

**Committee Report (Stanley Hatch)** – OPWDD Subcommittee meeting was held prior to the CSB meeting via zoom on October 19, 2021 @ 5:30pm. Several agencies submitted reports for the last quarter.

Lisa Leary - OPWDD – Quarterly report was submitted. The mandate from the state for having workers vaccinated has not affected the nonprofits yet.

Denise Vreeland – Trying to get a feeling from the general public about the health care providers and their fallout from staff and how this will affect the clients. Everyone is waiting for the vaccine mandate for all workers which has not happened at this time, but could at any time. Mozaic is having issues with having enough staff to fill the jobs needed. If the vaccine is enforced and Mozaic loses more staff,

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the Day Hab services will be the first step to shut down. The residential services cannot be shut down and they are a priority.

FMAP dollars will be used as a result of what comes out with the 5.07 plan, meaning when the 5.07 plan comes out the FMAP dollars will help enhance that. This is dated from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. The draft plan is located on the NYS DOH website at:

[https://health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medical/redesign/hcbs/enhanced\\_funding/](https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medical/redesign/hcbs/enhanced_funding/)

Kaitlyn Laskoski –LEC – The jail has one inmate with developmental disabilities about to be released. Finding housing is a challenge. This issue has not been resolved. Finding appropriate housing for everyone has been a challenge.

Margaret Morse – Lakeview Health Services working to get an additional transitional apartment. Transitional housing is usually up to 30 days and a case manager works with these clients to help them find alternate housing. The timeline has been extended at times. There have been a couple of people who have stayed up to 90 days. We want these apartments to be available for people coming out of hospitals, jail, prison and try not to keep it filled for too long. We also use these as crisis beds when needed and available.

Susan Ottenweller – Waterloo, Tyre and other places have a certain set aside of accessible apartments and are always reporting they are looking to fill them. This could be an avenue for Kaitlyn to work with the property managers to possibly fill these apartments.

There are pretty significant difficulties finding housing in those tax credits settings, especially when these people have a specific sort of criminal history. It is not an option and nearly impossible for those who are sex offenders or have substance abuse disorders to find adequate housing. A lot of people fall through the cracks. Lakeview will accept sex offenders (not sure about level 3) and persons with substance use disorder but not if they are actively using.

**Director of Clinical Services-** Brenda Black- Pat asked Brenda if she would be able to report to the Board monthly on Suicide Prevention Committee as well as Childrens Services. Brenda has agreed.

Director of ASA- Tammy Orlopp- not present

**Administrative Remarks-Margaret Morse DCS –**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Drop In Center – There is a proposal in the hands of the state to support a full time manager for the Drop In Center. This was just approved by the County Board. The paperwork has been submitted. The position will be filled by someone who has lived experienced. It's a management level position.

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Suicide Prevention – Out of Darkness walk happened this past weekend. There was a decent showing. We should know soon how much was raised. Margaret Morse and Sally Manning are working together with the New York Center for Suicide Prevention. They were interviewed in October for a guide to suicide prevention for the state and will essentially provide innovative snippets for across the state. 3 of the 4 school districts will be implementing Sources of Strength which is a teen peer suicide prevention program

### NEW BUSINESS

SAMSHA GRANT-Margaret reported: We are currently creating 9 new positions for the Crisis Response Program. There will be a Director, 4 peers and 4 clinicians.

A portion of the Crisis Response Program will be a 24/7 mobile crisis and crisis response service. There will be 4 teams made up of a peer and a licensed clinician and sometimes work collaboratively with law enforcement. Currently Margaret Morse is the Program Director and hoping that the board will approve all the positions so we can move forward. These positions are fully paid for 2 years, in the hopes of being fully sustainable afterwards through billable services. These will be all full time positions. They would be following up with the high risk client population. This will serve our community for crisis calls and also help manage our existing clients. The teams will also be doing outreach and engagement with high risk community members or high risk patients. There is a prevention component to this service. A portion of this grant is to provide mental health support to our staff. We do want to develop a meditation room and extensive training and wellness programming. With this grant we would also develop a wellness committee and peer to peer support opportunities. First goal would be to develop a staff wellness committee to have representation from all of our services, including support staff to come together and work to really make some decisions about what they would like to build themselves in terms of the program. There are funds in the grant to help support 25 CIT officers, this would help to reimburse the agencies for overtime. There are funds in the grant to support 40 hours of CIT training for the 911 dispatchers. The Crisis Response Program would help anyone in Seneca County that is having a mental health crisis, even those individuals who are visiting. This would include a person with substance abuse disorder as long as they have a co-occurring mh diagnosis. This does not mean a person with just substance abuse would not be helped, it means we would not be able to bill.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS- In the paper, the Attorney General Letitia James came to our facility last week and toured our building. She handed a big fake checks for \$577,000.00 this is related to the Opioid settlement fund. This was based on an equation for every county in NYS. This funding will come through the LGU. The Opioid Settlement bill, there will be an advisory committee as to the use of these funds. Margaret Morse was nominated by the Conference of Mental Hygiene Directors and subsequently by NYSAC to serve on the advisory committee. The majority of these funds are to be used for treatment, prevention, education, outreach, law enforcement and jail services. Money has been put in a lock box to service those people who were impacted the most.

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**John Cleere** – Pheasant Program – started as a pilot program. The sheriff's department brought in 50 baby pheasants. The corrections officers and 13 inmates volunteered building a pen for the pheasants. They raised 50 baby pheasants, 49 survived. The pictures that were sent out was the round up where they collected the mature birds and took them out to state land and were released into the wild. The chicks were from the Conservation Department. It is part of the repopulation program. It was a chance for the inmates to care for something and accomplish something. A pizza party was thrown for those involved. We are hoping to do this every year. Next year they are hoping to shoot for 75 or 100 chicks.

There are 18 law enforcement officers signed up for the CIT for the first week of November.

**School staff** – Tammy Anhorn reported: At Skoi Yase everything is going well. All students are in school, no one is doing remote. All the kids are happy. There are very few cases that are quarantined. Everyone wears masks.

All teachers need to be vaccinated or test every week.

Kathy Sinkiewicz reported: South Seneca teachers have started asymptomatic testing. In order to do remote services the students have to have a medical note.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday November 16, 2021 @ 6:30pm. MH Subcommittee meeting will be held prior at 5:30pm VIA Zoom

Motion made by Ted Papperman to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Lisa Heitmann. Executive meeting held. Motion to end Executive meeting made by Ted Papperman, seconded by Tammy Anhorn.

Motion to close Board meeting made by Stanley Hatch and seconded by Ted Papperman

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Reynolds, Board Secretary with reviews/revisions made by Margaret DCS and Pat Plyter CSB Chair