

# Seneca County Community Services Board

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## **ASA SUBCOMMITTEE Meeting Minutes**

December 21, 2021

(Conducted via videoconference)

**Members Present** – Margaret Morse, Mary Ker, Danielle Tilden (FLACRA), Ted Papperman (chair), Robert Shields, Tim VanDamme (CAA), Karen Burcroff, Pat Plyter (CSB),

**Excused** – Veronica Mittak, Tania Doverspike, Tammy Orlopp, Jeremy Miller (HelioHealth), Rhonda Jasper (United Way),

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

**Secretary minutes from September** - Motion to accept initiated by Pat Plyter and seconded by Ted Papperman. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

**Danielle Tilden** – FLACRA – A report was submitted.

Drop In Center - The biggest thing going on is the SOR2 and the development of the recovery center. The opening for the full time Peer has been filled and there is a candidate for the part time peer position . FLACRA is moving along well and we do have all the IT equipment. shifting some of internal staff as well for oversight, support and coordination. Noah Welker who has been working with the Seneca County Team, is a regional coordinator overseeing the DIC project.

Admissions for the third quarter included 17 unique individuals from Seneca County admitted to program. This does not count those who were previously admitted to the program. There were 11 outpatient admissions and 6 residential. Primary diagnosis for 9 was opioid related with 78% of those individuals receiving Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). Two individuals with primary diagnosis of alcohol use disorder. Six with the primary diagnosis of stimulant use disorder and who had an ancillary diagnosis of opioid use disorders and 67% of those individuals were on Medication Assisted Treatment. FLACRA is seeing a lot more of individuals with opioid and stimulant use disorders.

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) – 3 individuals currently admitted during the quarter. 31 individuals on average for Health Homes of Upstate NY HHUNY. The Children’s Health Homes of Upstate NY CHHUNY numbers were also included.

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Housing Program (HHAP) – 6 independent singles in Seneca County. Two in supportive living have non Seneca County residents in them. Permanent Supportive housing there is one individual. 100% of the beds are filled during the quarter. 97 on the Continuum of Care (COC waiting list, these are not Seneca County).

Ithaca Neighborhood Housing received their funding for Pineview Circle Phase 2. There was an announcement out of Governor Hochul's office around additional supported housing funding and FLACRA was listed as one of the Finger Lakes agencies that received funding out of the latest round from HHAP.

There are more individuals who want the independent housing than there are beds in the COC region. If there is new funding coming, this will help but usually takes a few years to get a project up, running and completed. This is aligned with what is being seen that affordable housing is hard to come by, especially if there are other factors that include stigma that may impact the individual's ability to get housing. Those on the waiting list may be in supportive living, emergency housing through Social Services, they can be a lot of different places. FLACRA did add a COC peer advocate to help as a bridge and a connective resource. There are times when they go to reach the next person on the list, we cannot locate them. Having the peer advocate to stay connected with the individuals is an incredible resource. Also if they have any challenges or needs linkage to services can be facilitated.

**Rob Shields** - Certified Peer Advocate - DARMA recovery has started. Erica Dean, the FLACRA full time peer is onboard and starting to connect. Erica is being introduced to members and agencies like the probation officers in the community. They may have clients that do not come to the clinic but can utilize the services at the DIC. January 8, 2022 is the first meeting for AL-ANON meeting from 5pm-6pm. This will be held every Saturday. January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 there is an advisory committee meeting for the new recovery support services at the Drop In Center. . Erica is working on some ideas for running classes for an hour here and an hour there to keep people busy.

Rob runs a peer group at the MH Clinic on Monday nights and will be switching it over to the Drop in Center.

**Karen Burcroff** – Substance Abuse Coalition – Year one for the Coalition has been wrapped up. The grant was changed this year as the CDC was adjusting their time line, where we had 9 months to do 12 months' worth of work. With all the help from people like Rob Shields donating their time, they were well above matching hours and donations. Karen thanked everyone for their help with year one. There was \$161,000 worth of cash that was donated, 2700 total volunteer hours, 5300 in kind donations. They were able to serve 2300 people in having over 220,000 media impressions.

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They were featured on Spectrum. Spectrum YNN reached out because he was running a story about Seneca Falls and how Cannabis is already for sale as he saw the sign in front of the Seneca Falls Police department.

They are pushing hard for the cannabis education as it is now legalized. The cannabis board is starting to meet, they will be managing the medical, the recreational and CBD part too, before the CBD was managed by the FDA, and they were not managed at all. There will be a lot of things trickling down over the next year. Their concern include increased of availability of cannabis in the home for kids and even pets. The use in front of kids and the use in public.

Problem gambling - There is a lot of brain storming in the office. There is a newsletter that will be coming out to veterans. There is a sticker shock campaign that talks about not purchasing scratch off lottery tickets, along with alcohol. Things minors should not use.

Drug take back – This is all anonymous. There is a problem with needles. These are not collected during this time. They are going to try to figure out how this can be safely be disposed of. People bring pills in or out of containers with labels taken off. There was a huge collection in April. People are also taking Detera bags, once they are explained what they are how they are used. Detera Bags are filled about half way with water, add about 80 pills and close, slosh around and this decomposes the pills and makes it safe to dispose of into your trash can. A lot of people do not know that they cannot flush medications or toss them into the garbage. These are some of the bits and pieces they are helping to better educate the community.

***Margaret Morse on behalf of Tammy Orlopp*** – Reports were sent out for Addictions Treatment Programs, Prevention Program Activities, and Problem Gambling Treatment Services.

The clinic provided 618 units of service specifically for substance use disorder.

Prevention staff - there are two new prevention staff, one at South Seneca and one at Seneca Falls. They have hit the ground running. Stephanie and Jenniffer are doing fantastic. All Prevention services are up and running. Stephanie is also at Romulus. We started a new contract with Romulus.

Three Workforce Grants have been awarded through OASAS. One OMH Workforce Grant was awarded. All 4 grants are to support staff and program stabilization.

The jail based funding grant was approved and the state aid has come through. This was an additional \$40,000 from OASAS for a total of \$101,000 for Seneca County Jail to support the enhancement of our already existing substance abuse disorder treatment services, specifically – MAT services in the jail. The clinic has staffing

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issues around Covid, quarantines, isolations. Lots of clients with Covid, this has been very challenging.

**Tim VanDamme** - CAA – Report from September 2021 was distributed and reviewed.

Stephanie took over for Susan in the Romulus School district doing too good for drugs for 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades.

In the school district they did the You(th) Decide with 6<sup>th</sup> grade and there were 14 contacts. Between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades there were two groups and there were 30 contacts each, for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade there were 16 contacts.

Open House tabling event had 66 contacts.

Just finished up the Red Ribbon week. Seneca County had a third place finish, who won a set of ear buds. The Red Ribbon quiz was loaded online and there was so much more participation throughout all the school districts. This was done on paper, but a better response with the online version.

Environmental Prevention - Facebook posts across all counties -they have done bullying, Red Ribbon, drug take back day the quiz link, NYS problem gambling video, also the Lyons Community Trunk or Treat program. The same type of stuff has been on their Instagram.

The CAA has participated on the Finger Lakes Regional Town Hall and Village Board meeting marijuana presentations. The Council is doing Triple P. There is a new staff member John Kreiglestein, who lives in Seneca County. John's recently worked in Auburn in the homeless shelters and homeless apartment programs, has a background working with drugs and alcohol. John will be trained in Triple P in January.

In Ontario County they are working a lot with the recovery center with classes there every other week.

The Council is doing Hidden in Plain Sight trainings, trying to limit numbers depending on how big the space is. They are not requiring people to be 6 foot, if joining the group they do need to mask.

OASAS came out with an updated problem gambling program and The Council has staff train the trainers. .

Triple P at the Drop In Center – We need to promote Triple P, this is part of the State Opioid Response (SOR)2 grant. There is a nice sized space for the training. Also if the space is good sized, Hidden in Plain sight could be set up for the community.

**Mary Ker** – Van Dyke – Quarterly report was submitted.

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Ted Papperman will be retiring. ASA meetings may return to the 5:30pm time slot.

Next meeting will be held March 15 @ 5:30pm. CSB to follow at 6:30pm.

Submitted by: L. Reynolds