

Seneca County Community Services Board

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MH SUBCOMMITTEE

February 15, 2022

(Conducted via videoconference)

Members Present: Margaret Morse (DCS), Brenda Black (MH), Bob Ritter (MH), Susan Ottenweller (Chair), Ashley Kise (Lakeview), Jennifer Palmer (CSB), Pat Plyter (CSB Chair), Shelby Fisher (Happiness House), John Cleere, Kathy Sinkiewicz, Maria Gigliotti, Bethany Felicita, Tammy Anhorn (CSB),

Members Excused: Sandie Case, Sally Manning, Jeanette Rock (CSB),

Welcome - Meeting was called to order. Introductions made.

Bob Ritter – Children Services – A quarterly report was submitted. There are plenty of Health Home Care management, but lacking in some of the hands on care management. This would come under a category called Child and Family treatment support services. There is a shortage of this in the county. It is statewide with the workforce being low. One of the providers is Cayuga Centers who received permission to skill builder and that person resigned. There has been someone new hired and will be trained for skill building. Cayuga Centers has a waiting list of 17.

In 2021, there were 250 kids with unduplicated services. Unduplicated count would be a child who is getting care management, skill building and family support services, this count as one service.

204 kids received Health Home Care management
3 kids received non Medicaid care management
22 kids received home based intensive family intervention program
29 kids received skill building
11 kids received intensive in home
32 received family peer support
13 youth received peer support
4 received Other life provider

These are services outside of the clinic.

Attainment of an OMH Systems of Care Expansion Grant of \$25,000 is a grant that was applied to expand the OMH Systems of Care network, the services should be family driven, where the families are

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identifying their goals and choosing the services they think would benefit their family. This is how services should be done, but not how it is done in every county. The expansion grant is based on marketing. Most people do not know that Seneca County offers therapeutic or psychiatric services for children.

Youth Mental Health First Aid – Bob Ritter, Joe Pettitroci and Sally Manning have been trained to train others. Next week there will be a meeting to set up a training.

Brenda Black – Mental Health – A quarterly report was submitted. During the months of November, December and January, the clinic did 7,016 services. Of those services we did 2,961 telehealth, 4,055 in person services. There were also 1,564 children services; this is up from 852 services last year during the same time frame. There has been a significant increase in these services, with higher needs in schools and higher caseloads and more crises within the schools and clinic with our children services.

The clinic is still offering DBT group to our patients and dual focus groups which is for patients with dual diagnosis Substance abuse disorders and Mental Health disorders. Staff positions still available are Psychiatric Social Worker I and Senior Psychiatric Social Worker. We welcomed Jessica Kight, MFT to fill our open Mental Health Clinical Therapist Position. She is currently working in both Skoi Yase School and the clinic.

Ashley Kise – Lakeview – A quarterly report was submitted. It is reported that Lakeview is having difficulties with having enough staff. The occupancy for Lakeview Heights is at 80%, 26 apartments are for our residents and 22 of the 26 are occupied currently. The overall number of apartments in Seneca County is 176, and 143 of those are occupied. Lakeview's supportive housing is 275 and only 225 of those are occupied. Some of the vacancies are due to staff vacancies.

Prospect Crisis Respite House is currently closed as they recruit staff. An update will be sent out when the program re-opens.

Independent Supported Housing is at 82 % filled occupancy. Specifically for Seneca County there are 25/28 regular beds filled, 4/5 RCE beds, 4/4 Transformational beds. There has been a second forensic apartment added in Seneca County. This program is currently staffed.

Care Management – Lakeview has several new hires and in the process of being trained. Referrals are quickly being handed out to be screened and opened.

Sandie Case – Unity House – A report has been submitted.

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Shelby Fisher – Happiness House – Submitted a Quarterly report. Still have low numbers when it comes to people working from Seneca County.

Sally Manning – Rackers Center – A report was submitted.

Margaret Morse - reporting for Tom Premo – Drop In Center – Things are picking up. The hours have been expanded. The Recovery Support Services through the grant with FLACRA are up and running. There are mental health and substance abuse support services being offered at the DIC. The DIC has a fulltime peer along with a peer support worker, along with a substance abuse peer worker. There are now Al-Anon meetings being offered.

Bethany Felicita – Crisis Response Team – Crisis Response officially started collecting data January 11, 2022. The first year of the grant the Crisis Response team overall is to do 30 services a month and for January we had 57. A breakdown of the 57 served, 13 were children between the ages of 0 to 17, the other 44 were adults over the age of 18. The goal of the crisis team is to provide community services, make sure the people are safe and can remain in the community, with not sending them to the hospital. We were successful for January, this will be a little different when the report comes out for February. Three children have been sent to the hospital since last week.

A referral can be made by schools that contact the parents then contact the Crisis Response team. Law enforcement will go to the person's home and will contact via the iPad program. Any of the referrals can come from anywhere, law enforcement, school districts, PCP, other mental health professionals, even from family members. The Crisis Response Team will take a referral from anyone at any time and check into it.

Next meeting will be held May 17, 2022 @ 5:30. CSB to follow at 6:30pm.

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