

Seneca County Community Services Board

Stanley Hatch, Chair

OPWDD SUBCOMMITTEE

January 19, 2022

(Conducted via videoconference)

Members Present: Stanley Hatch (chair), Pat Plyter, Margaret Morse (DCS), Denise Vreeland (Mozaic), Amanda Bishi (OPWDD state), Rose Palmieri

Introductions Made. Meeting was called to order Motion to accept secretary minutes from October 19, 2021. Motion to accept initiated by Pat Plyter and seconded by Rose Palmieri. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Carries.

Amanda Bishi– OPWDD – Talked about proposed Bonuses Longevity and Retention as well as a Vaccination Bonus are being finalized and should be out in the first quarter.

Also talked of the change in leadership with the previous Commissioner Castor being out and Governor Hochul appointing Kerri E. Neifield as acting Commissioner. The jury is still out as to how she will lead as she is still carrying out the current plans and working on the hot items.

Denise Vreeland – Mozaic – A report was distributed. Indicated that they have received and is working on the Survey of the DSP's (Direct Service Providers). This survey is for determining how all the bonuses will be paid out.

Denise also indicated that some of the Day Hab and Comm Hab services have not restarted or have waiting lists due to staffing shortages. Focus is keeping its 24-hour house staffed first.

Denise shared that they have prepared to follow the CMS and OSHA Vaccine mandates and have even lost a few employees due to it. These vaccine mandates are not affecting them yet but are not sure how long before or if they ever will. Therefore, they are waiting and watching with respect to those that left.

Covid has hit Mozaic more in the last month then since last March.

Jennifer Clark – Person Centered Services – A report has been distributed. Indicated staffing shortages as being an issue as well. Also shared that the Provider Relations Manager from the state level was leaving but would help transition the new manager.

Next meeting will be held April 19, 2022 @ 5:30pm. CSB to follow at 6:30pm.

Submitted by: L. Reynolds