

# Seneca County Community Services Board

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## **ASA SUBCOMMITTEE Meeting Minutes**

March 15, 2022

(Conducted via videoconference)

**Members Present** – Margaret Morse, Pat Plyter (Interim chair), Robert Shields, Tim VanDamme (CAA), Karen Burcroff, Joseph Lorenzetti (CSB), Mary Ker (VanDyke), Danielle Tilden (FLACRA), Mike Alessio, Tanya Doverspike

**Excused** – Tammy Orlopp, Jeremy Miller (HelioHealth), Rhonda Jasper (United Way)

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

**Secretary minutes from December** - Motion to accept initiated by Joseph Lorenzetti and seconded by Karen Burcroff. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

**Tanya Doverspike** – Uptick in Vivitrol (Trexone) and Sublocade (suboxone) injections. This is a monthly injectable. This month alone there were three injections. There is more of a trend with amphetamine and methamphetamines. Most insurance companies cover Sublocade, once the person is released from incarceration. There have not been any issues of clients in not getting their Sublocade with their insurance. The Office of Addiction Services and Support provided grant funds to the local government units and the mental hygiene departments to pass through to the jails in each county (based on the census). All the counties received \$60,000 a couple of years ago and Seneca County used that money to start Medicated Assisted Treatment program in the jail. The recent OASAS grant was an additional \$41,000, which brought Seneca Counties total to \$101,000.00. The plan was to add a nurse practitioner to the jail one day per week and Terri Haskins was hired for that position. Terri completes full assessments with all the inmates who present with substance abuse disorder, educates them about MAT opportunities. Terri is registered to provide Sublocade in the clinic as well as the jail through this grant. With Terri in the jail one day per week she provides initiation of medication and monitors their status weekly.

Programs resumed at the LEC. There is group therapy, yoga, individual therapy and peer counseling. When COVID numbers rise, the jail shut units down for a couple of weeks. Currently everything is back up and running.

**Margaret Morse on behalf of Tammy Orlopp** – Reports were sent out for Addictions Treatment Programs. The report is similar to the last quarter with a slight uptick of patients who are here for addiction services for opiates. Not on the report

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is still that alcohol is the number one primary diagnosis that the clinic treats. There have been no reported fatalities from overdose through the OD MAP technology. This is not all of the overdoses, just the ones that police or EMS have responded to. The clinic has had 5 suspected overdoses since January, 4 were administered naloxone. There were 9 individuals provided with vocational services through Sandy Clayton. Acces VR is working back in the clinic building providing services. 72% to 75% of the clinic patients have a co-existing psychiatric disorder, also similar numbers of those who are trauma survivors. Currently in the addictions services there are no staff openings.

**Rob Shields** - Certified Peer Advocate – Peer advocates are back at the LEC as of the last week. Two of the inmates getting out this week and next are set up with medications and appointments with the clinic. Gene Storey and Rob are picking up more clients through hospital discharges, jail releases and more recently individuals that are recommended by court. Drug court, treatment court and probation have referred a few people. Rob and Gene are also working with Erica Dean from recovery center at the Drop In Center with FLACRA, trying to engage clients in the programs being run. Three meeting that the clinic runs out of the DIC – Recovery Dharma on Wednesday night, Al-Anon on Saturday night and a peer group on Monday night.

Vivitrol injections are very effective as long as the client keeps up with the monthly injection. Vivitrol injections were developed to help those with alcohol problems. Most people do not have the triggers after the first injection and feel they do not need another injection the following month. There are providers who are afraid to prescribe Vivitrol for Opioids because of the overdose risk associated with Vivitrol. The risk is not associated with Suboxone. Those who get the Vivitrol injection need to be highly motivated to take it.

Sublocade injections are also very effective. The individuals on Sublocade seem to get into less trouble. If the individual has Suboxone they can easily trade it for something else.

**Mary Ker** – Van Dyke – Quarterly report was submitted. Willard is now closed. Willard has not shut off the power. They are working on decommissioning which goes to each building to close it and shut the power off. Van Dyke is working on getting basics like meals, electric and hot water for staff and residents. Van Dyke has a couple of months before they will be completely independent from Willard facilities. OASAS has assured the workers that Van Dyke will stay open. Van Dyke is in the process of ordering equipment so they will have a kitchen and is looking at hiring a couple of cooks. Staff is still at half census due to Covid and those at the facility are still social distancing. Capacity is 17.

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**Karen Burcroff** – Substance Abuse Coalition – There has been a partnering of Romulus, Waterloo and South Seneca UPK programs, overall 235 preschool families. Substance Abuse Coalition has created family time boxes which provides boxes that are big enough to hold electronics, phones and gaming devices, so that families can power down and unplug. The box comes with conversation starters, three recipes and all the materials to make a craft. The families will get one box. Every month, the SAC replenishes them with new conversation starters, recipes and craft materials. In the packet they are receiving is a “hey grownups did you know”. This is comprised of the coalition newsletter and other information that is put out with the internet connectivity survey and information about county resources. The past information coalition focus has been about the 8 factors of wellness. The first one was all 8 factors and financial wellness, this month will be about social wellness.

SAC is gearing up for festivals and farmer’s markets. Next month SAC will be hosting a town hall on April 27, 2022 in the am at the Elk’s club with a chance to have a face to face with people about the difference between hemp, cbd and thc levels in marijuana. Recent study came out that said a certain percentage of parents thought it was ok for their children to get cbd and not really know about it. This is making sure people know the difference and terminology. Also that cbd is unregulated and continues to be unregulated, as well as marijuana. Making sure people have been informed and educated on choices they are making. Also, that they monitor and secure any products that is in the house with children present. Smoking pot/weed is not going to be the new big thing, it will be the edible form. There is a farmer’s market in Syracuse that rotates around to different locations, it continues to be highly attended and has “hooters” girls at one of the booths selling and sexualizing it all. One booth has over 60 edibles at it. So SAC is making sure there are lock boxes available to keep young children, teenagers, pets, and everyone safe in the area. This will be a big campaign for Substance Abuse Coalition. The One pill can kill campaign is partnering up with the Elks club. The DEA actually contacted the Elks club since then to help get this message out. SAC is working with the schools to make sure that parents, staff members, and kids hear the message that four out of ten pills right now are carrying lethal doses of fentanyl and not purchase anything that is not provided by a doctor or pharmacy. Another drug take back day is scheduled for April 30, 2022. This is for expired medications, also deterabags for dissolving medications safely in their garbage. This is to make sure our houses are safe for youth. SAC is working with Sheriff Luce on making sure the social host ordinance is updated that specifically says that alcohol and other substance updated to say alcohol, cannabis and other substances, due to student data saying that adults and students do not see cannabis as a harmful substance. Kids got the message that tobacco is harmful and alcohol is harmful, but the perception of cannabis is low. The message has to be

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put out there that if parents are hosting you are putting yourself at risk, legally as well. Law enforcement is onboard supporting this as well.

On the one pill can kill campaign is there any thought to placing it on a billboard in the county? Cost is determined by where you buy and depends on the number of impressions (or how many cars that drive by it). The SAC reached out to the DA's office that has a little slush fund for crime victims, with the chance of sharing a billboard, because these billboards are expensive. It would have to be decided where to place it as the SAC cannot afford to do multiple billboards. If businesses wanted to donate or sponsor one month, it would work out.

**Tim VanDamme** - CAA – Quarterly report was submitted. There has been some turn over at the Council. John has been doing well since joining. He has run two ad pep groups this year. John is certified to run Triple P which is the positive parenting program, this is an evidenced based program. John was doing anger management groups in the jail, then there was a Covid incident at the jail that interrupted the group. There is a plan to return to the jail shortly. John has provided the gambling prevention at Van Dyke.

Social Media – Before Tim started approximately 6 years ago, the Council did more print ads, billboards and such and spent \$30,000 per year. Since Tim started the Council has done more digital ads. In January and February, the Youth council has had over 125,000 views and 140 click thru rates. This means 140 individuals clicked on the impression they received on their cell phones or computers. The Triple P has had over 96,000 impressions with 103 click thru rates. Hidden in Plain Sight was only run in January, there were almost 30,000 impressions with 24 click thru rates.

Geo fencing can target a specific area and blanket that area with digital ads. Ex. – when you play a game and a go in to play another game there are 5 sec ads, or ads can pop up in google searches. Tim does not know how successful geo fencing is. John is trying to establish Triple P in the area. Starting March 7, John has been going twice a week to the Drop In Center to provide Triple P. Starting April 14, 2022 John will be starting a zoom sessions for support groups for adoptive and guardianship parents. John has met with the library and is also seeing if he can get into Van Dyke to provide parenting classes.

The Council has had an OASAS audit going on at the Seneca County site. In 2021 due to turn over and Covid, we did not meet our work plan for evidence based programming. When Andrew Rude left and Covid hit the Council could not do the evidence programming in the schools, we could not get back in the school the beginning of 2021. In the fall of 2021 the Council had a contract with Romulus, then Susan resigned and the turn over from that became a county position. Now with John, we are trying to do a corrective work plan. Four of our staff did not have SAPTS

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training, but these people do not work in Seneca County. These people need to be trained, problem is OASAS has not been running those training programs as much as they were prior to Covid.

***Danielle Tilden*** – FLACRA – A report was submitted. Continuing to partner with all projects as possible. FLACRA is excited to have individuals come through the SOR2 project which is the Connections Recovery Center in partnership with Seneca Connections. Erica Dean is the primary peer advocate. Continuing to promote and get more information out and more individuals through. Working on getting more initiatives out through the region to provide a broad range of services and supports for individuals and their families and children.

Next meeting will be held June 21 @ 5:30pm. CSB to follow at 6:30pm.

Submitted by: L. Reynolds