

Seneca County Community Services Board

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Community Services Board Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2022

(Conducted Via Videoconference)

Members Present – Pat Plyter, Stanley Hatch, John Cleere, Maria Gigliotti, Beth Partee, Joseph Lorenzetti, Susan Ottenweller, Mike Alessio, Tammy Anhorn, Kathy Sinkiewicz, Jeanette Rock,

Guests - Margaret Morse, Michael Enslow, Tammy Orlopp

Excused –Brenda Black, Bethany Felicita, Jennifer Palmer,

Welcome – 630pm Meeting was called to order. Quorum present. Introductions were made.

Secretary minutes from July - Motion to accept initiated by Tammy Anhorn and seconded by Stanley Hatch. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Public Announcement – None

Consumer Report – Jeanette Rock – DIC – The numbers show a slight increase in August. Phone calls are made to the group homes continuously for new members. Members have input on the activities that are held each month. Members are taken to the food drives. Members are enjoying Recovering Dharma, yoga and the fitness center that is offered at/through the DIC. FLACRA has had an increase of people coming in for groups.

Committee Report (Susan Ottenweller) – MH Subcommittee meeting was held prior to the CSB meeting via zoom on September 20, 2022 @ 4:30pm. Several agencies submitted reports for the last quarter.

Outcome of system enhancement, access to services - Sally Manning from Rackers Centers is involved in a lot of outreach efforts for the prevention of suicide and to improve children's mental health. Sally is involved with coordinating multiple care managers in the Seneca Cares Program for children with Bob Ritter. There are not as many SPOA referrals this year that have been prior to COVID. This may be due to care managers linking services without needing to go through Bob.

Housing outcomes – Lakeview – Lakeview is a primary source for housing. Lakeview operates a building on Balsley Rd. This is a mixed use apartment building. 10 or 15 apartments are reserved for persons with diagnosed mental illness and the rest of the units are 1 bedroom apartments, regular affordable housing for anyone. There is a case manager who is funded through Lakeview and works in the mental health clinic.

Primary prevention – Community Health Improvement plan (CHIP) – has chosen suicide prevention as one of goal areas for community health. CHIP has chosen to take on working toward developing policies in the community around universal screening for suicide in the health facilities. The screening

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tools for universal health screening has been built into the Finger Lakes Health system electronic health records, but they are not yet being utilized as a universal screening tool.

Aspire Hope – in October Aspire Hope is offering a training course in October for peer counselors to become certified.

Committee Report (Joseph Lorenzetti) – ASA Subcommittee meeting was held prior to the CSB meeting via zoom on September 20, 2022 @ 5:30pm. Several agencies submitted reports for the last quarter.

Danielle Tilden – FLACRA – OASAS funding came through for transportation that will be helpful for recovery services. Housing – the Finger Lakes Housing Consortium is going well. Focus has remained on harm reduction, person centered care and recovery services.

Karen Burcroff –Seneca County Substance Abuse Coalition – Very successful National Night Out, over 500 people showed up for the event at the Seneca County fairgrounds. Continued work on the Red Ribbon week which is parent education hear you campaign in the schools and hope is to have teams compete in schools and possibly a county team.

Billie Kingsbury Lohr – CAA – Triple P is being focused on. This is an evidence based parenting course for 0 to 12 years of age and teens, with 5 sessions. There is also ASIST training for suicide prevention.

Rob Shields – Peer advocate – Everything going well at the Drop In Center. Population at the jail is down, but the services are better than most other jails. MAT training is going on with Terri.

There is a Hidden In Plain Sight training scheduled at the Quality In on October 26 @ 6:30pm. At 6pm, Tammy Orlopp will be presenting on the impact of substance abuse and the developing adolescence.

Margaret Morse on behalf of Program Director of Clinical Services - Brenda Black – Quarterly report – Cognitive Processing therapy is evidence based treatment modality. Cognitive Processing therapy is a specific trauma focused therapy for work with people looking to manage trauma histories. Janice Creamer, LCSW-R will be presenting the training to the staff.

Tammy Orlopp – Wednesday September 21, 2022 part of the Edge series through the Coalition has scheduled a Talk Saves Lives presentation. This may be cancelled due to presenter is ill.

Administrative Remarks- Margaret Morse DCS – The Admin reports were distributed.

Out of Darkness Walk has been scheduled for October 15, 2022 and will take place at the Seneca Lake State Park.

Recovery Dharma is a 12 step group with an Eastern philosophy focus. This has been popular at the DIC.

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Bethany Felicita and the Crisis team are huge in the success of assisting the staff and other emergencies in the county. This also enhances the relationship with law enforcement and other agencies in the county. There is law enforcement that knows the crisis team members and can call them directly when in need.

The Seneca County Board of Supervisors approved the CSEA contract which enhanced Seneca County employee salaries on average 17% to 24%. Now Seneca County has more competitive hiring rates.

Updates on staffing – The clinic has an open:

typist position

senior psychiatric social worker

staff psychiatrist

Dr. Yearwood is a psychiatric contract worker who started in 2021 one day a week and in 2022 started 2 days per week. In January 2023 Dr. Yearwood will be starting full time with the mental health clinic. He is board certified in psychiatry and general medicine. He has a data waiver which means he is a suboxone provider. He has a lot of experience with addictions psychiatry.

Health care worker bonus program – the governor passed legislation that is requiring eligible employers with health care worker bonus payments to eligible employees up to \$3000 total, \$1500 per vesting period. The employer submits eligible employee names and all of their information to the state, then the state approves or disapproves based on their criteria. The first submission just went through and a lot of the clinic employees will be getting the bonus. The problem is, also in the public health department and the jail that certain employees who should be eligible are not at this time. This is being advocated at the state level for this to change. At this time support staff is not eligible unless they worked in a hospital setting. Margaret has sent an email to the support staff at the clinic that she is continuing to advocate with the state for their eligibility guidelines to be expanded to include clinic staff.

Local plans – It has been requested that each of the organizations that report out as part of the subcommittee process incorporate into their report the local service plan for their target area. That included is information specific to the goals and objectives in the local plan that they are responsible for. This will be more informative to everyone who participates in the subcommittees. It is hopeful that these reports will increase in relevance as it relates to the local service plan.

Starting in October the CSB will meet in person at the DHS training room in the county office building. The subcommittees will continue to be virtual every month.

Margaret Morse on Behalf of Crisis Response – Bethany Felicita – A report was presented on over all crisis visits for the last quarter and broken down by initial visits, follow ups, those who went to the hospital, those served in the community, persons who declined services, persons with more than one visit in a month, and youth.

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Things continue to be very busy for the crisis services. There was one resignation of one of the mental health clinical staff back in August. Tammy Orlopp has joined the crisis team for part time contract hours; this is additional to her full time director job. There is a spike in crisis for children, lots of engagement for children, trying to find appropriate placement for them when they are not safe in their homes or community. These children at times do not meet the criteria of being inpatient or find inpatient beds. There were two days in the last couple of weeks where the crisis team had nine crisis visits.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

John Cleere – LEC – Board of supervisors came through for the staff at the LEC for salaries. It is evident for the first time there are lateral transfer applications from other departments.

Next CIT training scheduled for October 31 – Nov 4, 2022. This will be opened up to other agencies, ex. State police, probation officers and 911 personnel.

A full time advocate has just started at the sheriff's office. An LMSW, scheduled for 40 hours per week and will be assigned to review all domestic incident reports, see that proper referrals are made along with follow ups. Also coordinate with other county social workers, county advocates. This person will do some groups in the jail and helping getting victims processed into the shelter when it opens.

There is a 30% increase in domestic violence in the past year.

Inmates are raising 50 pheasants for the October release.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Susan Ottenweller and seconded by Stanley Hatch.

Next meeting: Tuesday October 18, 2022 @ 6:30pm. OPWDD Subcommittee meeting will be held prior at 4:30pm VIA Zoom. CSB meeting will be held at 6:30pm in the DHS training room.

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