

Seneca County Community Services Board

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OPWDD SUBCOMMITTEE

July 19, 2022

(Conducted via videoconference)

Members Present: Stanley Hatch (chair), Pat Plyter, Margaret Morse (DCS), Denise Vreeland (Mozaic), Rose Palmieri, Amanda Bishi (OPWDD), Jennifer Clark (person Centered Services)

Absent: Kaitlyn Laskoski, Kathy Sinkiewicz

Introductions Made. Meeting was called to order Motion to accept secretary minutes from April 19, 2022. Motion to accept initiated by Amanda Bishi and seconded by Pat Plyter. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Carries.

Denise Vreeland – Mozaic – A report was distributed. Mozaic is still in the midst of Covid-19, still short staffed and the Waterloo site for day hab is still not open. There is a possibility by September this may re-open. There are approximately 22 people in Seneca County that are not getting services due to staff shortage.

Eric Geyser is the President of ARC NY. ARC NY is the parent company to all the ARC's in each county.

Amanda Bishi– OPWDD – A report was distributed. There are significant staffing issues across every delivery system, voluntary and state workers.

Forums are going on to welcome any feedback specific to increase focus on the workforce, complex needs, providing support and the amount of services offered from OPWDD agencies, as well as additional resources in supporting families at home. OPWDD is also continuing to take feedback if you were not able to attend any sessions, anyone can submit by email or there is a survey type format online.

Jennifer Clark - Person Centered Services – A report was distributed. PCS updated and started the new face to face requirements on July 1, 2022. Every individual has a DDP2 (Developmental Disabilities Profile document) that meets the needs of the individual and the items these individuals can complete throughout their day. Based on these items determines what tier an individual may fall under. Tier 0 – receive basic services. The life plan is completed twice a year with the option of two additional times per year to meet with their care coordinator. Tier 1-3 – tier one being lower needs, tier 3 having higher needs. Tier 4 – More high medical needs and high behavioral needs, or in more crisis mode. New guidance for completing the face to face requirements is less frequent based on advocacy. There is also telehealth options defined as a two-way audio and visual communication between the care

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coordinator and individual. Covid-19 has created some other options in terms of face to face, where the goals can be completed remotely. There is discussion how an individual can best receive their services and what is most appropriate for an individual.

Kaitlyn Laskoski – Law Enforcement Center – A report was distributed.

A review of the 2023 plan was discussed.

A motion to accept the OPWDD Plan initiated by Pat Plyter and seconded by Denise Vreeland.

Motion to adjourn initiated by Pat Plyter and seconded by Denise Vreeland.

Next meeting will be held October 18, 2022 @ 5:30pm. CSB to follow at 6:30pm.

Submitted by: L. Reynolds