

Seneca County Community Services Board

Susan Ottenweller, Chair

Community Services Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2023

(Conducted at the DHS Training Room)

Members Present –Dr. Joseph Lorenzetti, Stanley Hatch, Mike Alessio, Maria Gigliotti, Susan Ottenweller, Jeanette Rock, John Cleere, Kathy Sinkiewicz, Tammy Anhorn

Guests - Margaret Morse

Excused – Jennifer Palmer, Tammy Orlopp, Brenda Black, Bethany Felicita

Welcome – 6:30pm Meeting was called to order. Quorum present.

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

Public Announcement – Joseph Borst will be the 2023 BOS Representative

Consumer Report – None

Guest Speaker – Jed Wolkenbreit – Council NYS Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors Training – Things that Community Services Board Members Should know.

Jed covered the history of NY State’s early and evolving responsibility for caring for persons with mental illness. He then highlighted the responsibilities of Community Services Boards (CSBs) across NY. The presentation was recorded so that it may be used by future new CSB members and provided a solid foundation to Seneca County members’ understanding of its important roles and responsibilities.

DIC - Jeanette Rock – Monthly report was submitted. New Peer Support Worker has been hired, starts this week. The cold weather is bringing lower consumer numbers. Members are taken to food drives, pantries, and shopping. The side and front porch steps are complete. The kitchen remodel will start soon.

Committee Report (Maria Gigliotti) – MH Subcommittee meeting was held prior to the CSB meeting via zoom on February 21, 2023 @ 5:00pm. Several agencies submitted reports for the last quarter.

All agencies continue to work on their goals and on their program pieces for county in spite of ongoing staffing shortages.

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Lakeview now has 2br transitional apartments which a big step toward helping families through the transitions.

Margaret has met with employment agencies and that is going to be up and running to meet our needs quite soon.

Otherwise, summaries from the individual agencies are available. We did have an amazing turnout for the meeting as well.

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

The crisis team is looking toward obtaining another SAMHSA grant funding. The crisis team will start billing in year 3.

Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors – DCS Association. This ensures the county has a voice at the table.

The state plans are updated currently yearly. In 2024, this may change to be submitted every 3 to 4 year with updates regularly. Local service plans – OPWDD, ASA, and MH – goes into the state plans. Plans are currently due June 1st.

Margaret had a meeting with Unity Employment. There are currently 10 slots for Seneca County that have been filled. It has been suggested to go to the Drop In Center to provide vocational support to help members complete applications. The past 3 years Covid had completely shut down face to face services for the vocational education programs.

There is a power point for the governor's proposal for the proposed year. There is a community feedback forum that all can attend virtually. The feedback collected will go to the governor and potentially impact how she plans to rebuild the healthcare system.

Genoa Pharmacy – came last week and had a tour of the HSS building. This will be pitched to their people to start here in Seneca County.

The HSS building current facility plan is about 6,000 square feet short for the Mental Health Department needs.

CCBHC – Next round is coming out – we hope to apply with Board approval.

Conflict of Interest forms were distributed to CSB members to complete.

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OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –None

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stanley Hatch and seconded by Joseph Lorenzetti.

Next meeting: Tuesday March 21, 2023 @ 6:30pm. ASA Subcommittee meeting will be held prior at 5:00pm 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 Susan Ottenweller CSB Chair