

Seneca County Community Services Board

Susan Ottenweller, Chair

Community Services Board Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2023

(Conducted at the DHS Training Room)

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

Guests - Margaret Morse, 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 Stanley Hatch and seconded by Joseph Lorenzetti. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Public Announcement – A note was sent to Mike Enslow to see if Beth Partee could stay on as board representative for 2023.

Bylaws require everyone on the Community Services Board to be signed up and attend a subcommittee meeting.

Consumer Report – None

DIC - Jeanette Rock – Monthly report was submitted. Thank you for the dessert donated to the DIC Christmas party from the CSB. The numbers are down at the DIC. The work is being completed on the side yard, side porch and deck. A bid has been presented for the work on the upstairs bathroom. Work should begin soon.

Committee Report (Stanley Hatch) – OPWDD Subcommittee meeting was held prior to the CSB meeting via zoom on January 17, 2023 @ 5:00pm. Several agencies submitted reports for the last quarter. The meeting had a larger turnout than in the past.

Denise Vreeland – Mozaic – reported the re-opening of the day habilitation program at 1083 Waterloo Geneva Rd. This site had been closed since March 2020. Moziac is working with almost a full staff. There has been lots of turnover. The wages have been raised, this should help. There has also been a lot of sickness with RSV, flu and Covid.

Mozaic was formerly Cayuga Seneca ARC and employs service providers, not care managers.

PCS – Person Centered Services – is a Care Coordinator Service organization. PCS has Care managers.

Front Door is run by OPWDD/State. The subcommittee does not get info of process or how many people apply or involved in a case. Resources that can refer to the Front Door are schools, clinics, SPOA and cases need to be established before the age of 22. At times a parent is told when a

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child is age 8 to wait until the age of 15, as age 15 a child should be able to complete daily living activities. Margaret will reach out to Bob Ritter and Denise Vreeland to see if there is a way to track number of children referred for the service or new admissions.

PCS – Person Centered Services – a virtual expo for services is being offered January 25 from 6pm to 8pm. Click on PCS website and a pop up should appear to register. 15 different organizations will be offered and you can pick which services you want to see. Not all services are offered to Seneca County. Moziac is not a presenter.

Amanda Bishsi – OPWDD – Cost of living increases have gone through to staff, dating back to April 2022.

Public Health Emergency has been extended through to April 11, 2023.

LEC - John Cleere - The CIT training has been modified for corrections officers. There will be CIT training in Ontario County in March 2023.

The inmates are raising chickens. The chickens are producing about 50 eggs per week to help with meals, extra snacks and baking needs. There is a garden for fresh vegetables. Extra vegetables that are not used are sent to the Office for the Aging. The inmates are also raising pheasants. There were about 50 pheasants released into the wild in October.

Program Director of Clinical Services - Brenda Black –Clinic has provided 2,186 services, 1,312 were in person, 874 were telehealth, 604 were children.

There were 2 suicides in the community. These two individuals were not linked to crisis or the clinic.

Coalition has a meeting scheduled for March 9, 2023 from 9:30 to 11 at the Elks Lodge in Seneca Falls.

Staff positions open – Sr. Psychiatric Social Worker
Mental Health Clinical Therapist
2 Support staff

Brenda has many roles at the counseling center.

Program Director of Prevention – Treatment – Gambling - Tammy Orlopp – the clinic is working on a staff common room/lunch room. Wednesdays at noon the clinic hosts a health wellness with activities for staff.

Tammy is working with United Way on Talk, They Hear You, a campaign to educate parents on how to talk with their children about drugs and alcohol.

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Tammy is working to create a Facebook page for the clinic with links to other sites. This will be linked to Finger Lakes Times to cover about 15,000 people.

Crisis Response – Bethany Felicita – Submitted first year report. The crisis team met all major targets. The crisis team has just hired a third clinician. The goal is to have 24/7 coverage by March 2023, with onsite coverage from 8am until 11pm. Overnight and weekends will be rotated Bethany and the three clinicians.

Business cards and brochures are being worked on.

Volume has trended upwards toward the evenings. So far in January there have been 50 visits.

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

Crisis Sustainability – the grant is for two years. The clinic was able to roll over funds from year one into year two and most likely will be able to get a no cost extension in year 3. Rural communities have issues with sustaining crisis teams.

Marketing 24/7 will be initiated and the clinic has contracted with 988. 988 will triage the calls for the crisis team and put calls through.

A hand out was given to the board on the Citizens Committee for Children of NY and how counties were ranked in New York State. Of the 62 counties, Seneca County was ranked 12. This ranking goes from 1 with the most to 62 with the least amount of barriers. These are concerning statistics.

County Domestic Terrorism plan – Governor has tasked all counties with coming up with a domestic terrorism plan. Several agencies are involved including emergency management, Sheriff's Dept., Mental Health, DHS etc...

Seneca County Criminal Justice Advisory Board – Kaitlyn Laskoski is chair, Margaret Morse was just elected Vice Chair. There are others on the board from probation, DA office, Public defender offices to discuss various programs. There is a law day with high school students.

Opioid settlement funds - \$50,000 first investment will go toward public education campaign to reduce opioid use disorder and opioid overdose. There is a contract that is being drawn up. Next meeting will be Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –None

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Alessio and seconded by Stanley Hatch.

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Next meeting: Tuesday February 21, 2023 @ 6:30pm. MH 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