

Seneca County Community Services Board

Susan Ottenweller, Chair

Community Services Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2023

(Conducted at the DHS Training Room)

Members Present –Dr. Joseph Lorenzetti, Stanley Hatch, Mike Alessio, Maria Gigliotti, Susan Ottenweller, Jeanette Rock, Kathy Sinkiewicz, Jennifer Palmer, Joe Borst

Guests - Margaret Morse, Bethany Felicita, Tammy Orlopp

Excused – Brenda Black, John Cleere, Tammy Anhorn

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

Secretary minutes from February - Motion to accept initiated by Stanley Hatch and seconded by Joseph Lorenzetti. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Public Announcement – None

Consumer Report – None

Guest Speaker – Joe McGrath – Seneca County Planning Department & Coordinator of the Seneca County Landbank

Joe presented details about the Seneca County Landbank and potential opportunities for the Landbank to partner with not for profit agencies to develop special needs housing that can benefit persons with mental health and/or substance use disorders. The Landbank is writing a grant that if successful could provide opportunity to partner with the Mental Health Dept., Lakeview Health Services and FLACRA. Joe is seeking support from The Community Services Board to enter into an MOU that would include FLACRA and Lakeview Health Services. This MOU would ensure that any mental health or substance abuse housing developed as part of a Landbank partnership with a not for profit would remain consistent with the county planning goals set forth by The Community Services Board. The Board was in support of the MOU and voted to approve. Susan Ottenweller will sign the agreement as Chair of the Board. Joe will keep the CSB and Mental Health Director informed.

There was a comprehensive discussion on the state of housing in Seneca County. DHS housing is full and there are Seneca county residents staying in hotels/motels for months at a time. Mental Health has sent clients/residents to shelters in Rochester or Syracuse.

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Susan Ottenweller – Asking permission for CSB to enter a MOU – Explore working together with other agencies. Motion to accept initiated by Dr. Joseph Lorenzetti and seconded by Maria Gigliotti. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

DIC - Jeanette Rock – Monthly report was submitted. The numbers for members have been steady. The mask mandate has been lifted. The porches have been completed. The kitchen remodel was to start on March 15, 2023. The kitchen and upstairs bathroom are currently under construction and the DIC is managing to work around the renovations.

Committee Report (Dr. Joseph Lorenzetti) – ASA Subcommittee meeting was held prior to the CSB meeting via zoom on March 21, 2023 @ 5:00pm. Several agencies submitted reports for the last quarter.

Jessica Chase – FLACRA – FLACRA operates supportive housing units in Seneca County on Burgess Rd. FLACRA also provides rapid rehousing supports to Seneca County residents. There are currently 92 households looking for housing in Seneca County per FLACRA report.

Billie Kingsbury-Lohr – Council on Alcoholism and Addictions– There are still vacancies for the School Based Prevention Educator for Ontario County Schools and an SBIRT Community Outreach Specialist for Yates County with some Ontario County crossover. The Triple P parenting program is being offered in Seneca and is going very well. . There is an ADPEP program for youth with alcohol addiction that is being underutilized. Kids can go through the program and have their records expunged. Margaret agreed to reach out to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board to see if Billie can present as the Magistrates and DA attend.

Mary Ker – Dick Van Dyke - Mary Ker is retiring in May. There are currently 22 beds full with 4 being Seneca County residents. DVD is still searching for a full-time prescriber.

Tammy Orlopp – Prevention, Treatment and Gambling –

No updates to treatment services at this time. There have been no fatal overdoses for 2023 per OD Map.

Prevention - Staff is wrapping up the end of the school year. Staff is off for the summer months. There are no current vacancies. There has not been a teacher to teach in the Waterloo Health Class, so staff have not been able to teach prevention during those classes as was planned. Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) – is being taught in Romulus and South Seneca Schools for grades 6 – 8. The clinic is utilizing social media platforms and the Finger Lakes Times to expand and reach with a Media Campaign to educate the community on resources and specifically to educate parents on how to talk to their children about alcohol and drugs. There were 3,000 opened emails, about 322 clicked thru to links for services.

Gambling – There has been no increase in numbers and no self-exclusions. Mental Health staff is conducting problem gambling screens with every assessment. Seneca County is the only county

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in New York that has a partnership with a casino to support prevention and treatment of gambling in the community.

Crisis Response Team – Bethany Felicita – Service numbers have been consistent although there has been a slow down with February and March due to the colder weather which is typical. Warmer weather will mean the team will be busier. As of 3/13/23 the Crisis Team is live with 24/7 services. Staff are onsite from 8am to 10pm Monday thru Friday and on-call from 10pm until 8am Monday thru Friday and all-day Saturday and Sundays.

There are brochures and business cards available which were handed out to all CSB members. These materials have been provided to law enforcement, school staff, Primary Care Practices, Glove House and other agencies, as well as community members. The program expects increased service demand in response to marketing efforts.

Funding – The SAMHSA grant will end at the end of September. Some of this grant may carry over into the 2024 year. Exploration of additional grant funding is taking place.

Administrative Remarks- Margaret Morse DCS –

DCS is awaiting updates from Genoa Pharmacy regarding the potential for implementation of an integrated pharmacy in the clinic.

Family Counseling of the Finger Lakes has a presence in Seneca County with a growing footprint in the community. Family Counseling covers domestic violence, marriage and family counseling, and trauma counseling. FCSFL receives state aid pass through to provide a full time clinician to work with the EPC Mobile Integration Team. The position has been vacant for some time. FCSFL is expected to present to the CSB and attend quarterly subcommittee meetings.

We are awaiting the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the CCBHC Grant which is slated to drop in March. We hope to apply for this grant with Seneca County Board approval.

2023/2024 Local Services Plan – briefly discussed ASA plan. Housing, prevention, treatment, employment, Improved health of county residents are current priority needs areas to be addressed in 2024 plan.

John Cleere – LEC – Kaitlyn Laskoski and John Cleere have trained 21 correction officers in CIT this month. These officers were from Seneca, Ontario, Yates, Tioga, Cayuga and Schuyler counties.

They will also teach officer wellness at the Corrections Academy. This program emphasizes healthy practices and utilizing mental health services when needed for their own self care.

OLD BUSINESS – None

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NEW BUSINESS –None

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

Next meeting: Tuesday April 18, 2023 @ 6:30pm. OPWDD 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