

# Seneca County Community Services Board

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## Community Services Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023

(Conducted at the DHS Training Room)

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

**Guests** - Margaret Morse, Bethany Felicita, Tammy Orlopp, Brenda Black

**Excused** – Jennifer Palmer

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

**Secretary minutes from March** - Motion to accept initiated by Dr. Joseph Lorenzetti and seconded by John Cleere. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

**Public Announcement** – None

**Consumer Report** – None

### **Update on Safe Harbors**

John Cleere reported the following: Five years ago there was funding for a new crime victim shelter. Three years ago Covid held up the shelter from moving forward. Code enforcement stated a new septic needed to be put in. March 3 was the final walk through from OCFS and with the policy in place the new shelter should open this summer. The new shelter can house up to 9 people with kids. There is an office for a caseworker who will be able to link the victims to any services needed. DHS will aid with transportation needs to school or work. Any victim can stay for up to 30 days and can be extended longer.

**Guest Speaker** – Megan Cortese - Family Counseling of the Finger Lakes (FCSFL)– Provides professional counseling and support services to individuals and children and families to improve the quality of their life at home and in the community. Services offered include Healing Centered Therapy, child sexual abuse assessment and treatment, general counseling, therapeutic and behavioral health services, Domestic Violence advocacy and LGBTQ+ support. There is school based advocacy and therapy, care coordination and peer support groups. FCSFL offers employee and employer support services(EAP), specialized training, FLX Pride Festival coordination and organized consultation helping to create Trauma-informed/ healing centered systems of care.

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FCSFL provides unlicensed counseling services in the school and community. They partner with SCCCC Satellite providers. They do not provide addiction services or services focused to support mental health diagnosis. SCCCC refers to FCSFL when the need is marriage and family therapy or therapy not related to a mental health or substance use disorder.

Domestic Violence is contracted out to Safe Harbors.

**DIC - Jeanette Rock** – Monthly report was submitted. The numbers for members have been steady. The kitchen renovations are completed. For St. Patricks Day the members celebrated with cake and ice cream. The DIC has hired two new peer workers.

**Committee Report (Stanley Hatch)** – OPWDD Subcommittee meeting was held prior to the CSB meeting via zoom on April 18, 2023 @ 5:00pm. Several agencies submitted reports for the last quarter.

Tonight's meeting was brief and not well attended. New York Start Crisis strategic plan is due in November 2023 and it has been 5 years since the last plan.

Housing – An OPWDD housing project has 4 applications selected with two new housing units with subsidized rooms.

Crisis Housing should be added to the OPWDD plan in both the Community residences or DDSO's and SOCR homes. They will need crisis beds open for OPWDD persons. This is currently a missing level of care in the state.

**Prevention, Treatment and Gambling – Tammy Orlopp** – Tammy and staff have been working on sprucing up the clinic space with painting and cleaning projects.

**Crisis Response Team – Bethany Felicita** – Comparing 2022 and 2023, the Crisis Team has risen upwards of 311%. So far in 2023 the units of service are up by 150% and there has been 79 more visits. For the past 5/6 weeks the crisis team has had 24/7 coverage and there have been 13 off shift visits. Bethany has been giving in-services to law enforcement. Over 2000 brochures and cards have been handed out with the crisis teams' information.

The Wellness Committee has launched a hydration/walking challenge for staff. There will be more training, luncheons and fun planned for the upcoming months.

There is one peer opening for the evening shift. The current staff is on a rotation for the overnight and weekend coverage for on call. It seems that in the later afternoon and evening hours seem to be the busiest.

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**Program Director of Clinical Services** - Brenda Black –In February the clinic provided 2379 services, 642 were children. In March, the clinic provided 2949 services and 970 services were children.

Incident review – There has been 3 suicide attempts and 2 deaths in the first quarter of 2023.

The clinic is doing training about violence, risk and safety. Trying to identify areas to work on for risk assessments. Next months Integrated meeting will hold an “In Plain Sight” training with John Krieglestien from The Council on Addictions and Alcoholism of the Finger Lakes.

The clinic has sign in/out magnetic boards. There are emergency buttons on all the phones and all employees have a whistle.

Suicide Coalition and Prevention Coalition – There is an issue for the Out of Darkness walk, they want to charge for all materials. Brenda is checking to see if our area can be grandfathered in or if the county will hold its own walk for Suicide Prevention. 50% of the proceeds were going to National efforts and 50% was staying in Western NY.

### **Administrative Remarks- Margaret Morse DCS –**

Corporate Compliance Training with a power point presentation and Code of Ethics Policy was handed out. Corporate Compliance is a mandatory training that is conducted yearly

All new employees must be trained within 30 days of starting. All trainings will begin with pre and posttests. Margaret has reached out to Bonadio to do a full review of the clinics Corporate Compliance policies and procedures and if there are any recommended trainings.

The CSB will need to develop a Compliance Committee to review Corporate Compliance Committee minutes on a quarterly basis.

The support staff will be fully staffed starting May 1, 2023.

Staff still needed: Senior Psychiatric Worker

Psychiatrist

Psychiatric Nurse (pay not competitive)

Registered Nurse

### **OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS** – Tammy Anhorn – There is a Community Café being hosted on April 26, 2023 in Romulus. This is for families to connect, and anything can be discussed.

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Susan Ottenweller is working on a couple of dates to set up to go see the new transitional apartments operated by Lakeview Health Services and funded by Seneca County OMH pass through dollars.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stanley Hatch and seconded by John Cleere.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday May 16, 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