

Seneca County Community Services Board

Susan Ottenweller, Chair

Community Services Board Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

(Conducted at the DHS Training Room)

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

Guests - Margaret Morse, Brenda Black

Excused –Bethany Felicita, Tammy Orlopp, Susan Ottenweller

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

Secretary minutes from April - Motion to accept initiated by Joseph Borst and seconded by John Cleere. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Public Announcement – None

Consumer Report –

DIC - Jeanette Rock – Monthly report was submitted. Member numbers are up, there are approximately 181 members currently. Food is donated and meals are made for members. Members are taken weekly on shopping trips. Starting in June the Farmer’s markets will be open, and members will be taken weekly. Unity House meets twice a month at the DIC. Aspire Hope provides weekly wellness groups.

Committee Report (Maria Gigliotti) – MH Subcommittee meeting was held prior to the CSB meeting via zoom on May 16, 2023 @ 5:00pm. Several agencies submitted reports for the last quarter.

Bob Ritter discussed new guidelines for Home Based Crisis Intervention

Family Counseling of the Finger Lakes – waitlist almost gone.

John Cleere – Safe Harbors – safe dwelling almost complete, will host 9 beds.

Rackers Center – Community Café was held the end of April.

Lakeview – Prospect House is now open.

2 apartment leases are signed.MH Subcommittee – Local Service Plan approved for 2024.

Program Director of Clinical Services - Brenda Black –Total number of services provided February - April was 7842, 2663 were telehealth and 1801 were children.

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All clinical staff were trained for “Hidden In Plain Sight” last month. Brenda can set up a training with John Krieglestien, the trainer to do the Hidden In Plain Sight for the CSB staff. This would be about one to one and a half hours, possibly set up for August.

Support staff is fully staffed.

Staff still needed: Senior Psychiatric Worker

Psychiatrist

Psychiatric Nurse

Registered Nurse

Administrative Remarks- Margaret Morse DCS – CCBHC Grant in Progress.

CCBHC – Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic - model of integrated care, meet criteria of 5 aspects in the first year. There are only so many for NY state. There are 13 Federal demonstrations and the governor has put in for 26 additional demonstrations. We hope to hear in August if we have been awarded.

MH Subcommittee approves Local Service Plan.

A motion to accept the Mental Health 2024 local plan – All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Local service plans are due to the state by June 30, 2023. The OPWDD plan is done. MH plan is done. ASA plan will be completed and voted on at the June meeting.

There is a national shortage of stimulants. Brand name and generic meds are now all becoming short.

DEA has extended the face to face visits requirement for controlled medications being prescribed via telehealth to November 2023.

John Cleere – LEC – Contact visitation at the LEC has resumed. Most inmates do zoom visits. Every inmate can use a tablet in cell. They are allowed 2 hours of visitation per week.

The inmates will not be able to raise pheasants this year for release due to a bird flu. They will be raising turkeys. In November a couple of those turkeys will be used for the thanksgiving meals and the rest will go to local food pantries.

Complaints list are being compiled for the 2022 year. There was a 4,000 call increase over 2021. Domestic violence was up 30% and mental health calls were up 20%.

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Wellness for employees – offering free yoga either before or after a shift.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Tammy Anhorn – Seneca Cares Community Café has 13 people in attendance in April. The topic was on resiliency. There was one teen that attended. There is hope that more youth will attend future meetings.

The end of the school year is approaching and a goal is to get the services provided in the county out to families. There are many people that do not know that there are services for families and children. Tammy would like to make displays for schools of all the county services. Waterloo school district has early dismissals on Friday and would like to set up for different agency providers to come and speak to staff and let them know what services they provide in a brief summary of youth services.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeanette Rock and seconded by Stanley Hatch.

Next meeting: Tuesday June 20, 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