

Seneca County Community Services Board

Susan Ottenweller, Chair

ASA SUBCOMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2023

(Conducted via videoconference)

Members Present – Margaret Morse, Tammy Orlopp, Joseph Lorenzetti (Chair), Mike Alessio, Tania Doverspike (LEC), Mary Ker (VanDyke), Susan Ottenweller (CSB Chair), Billie Kingsbury-Lohr (CAA), Robert Shields, Jessica Chase (FLACRA)

Excused –Rhonda Jasper (United Way), Tim VanDamme (CAA), Jeanette Rock, Karen Burcroff (Substance Abuse Coalition), Jeremy Miller (Helio Health), Danielle Tilden (FLACRA)

Welcome – Meeting was called to order. Introductions made.

Secretary minutes from June - Motion to accept initiated by Karen Burcroff and seconded by Mike Alessio. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Jessica Chase – FLACRA – A report was submitted. FLACRA just submitted a SAMHSA grant to benefit homeless individuals. This would be a 5-year grant term that would help with street outreach and assist homeless individuals and families in the four-county region. FLACRA will be submitting for another grant due in mid-April for the street outreach program.

There are currently 5 Seneca County residents in the Seneca County beds. There are also 2 – one-bedroom apartments that are open and being re-furbished currently. These should be ready to go within the next couple of weeks.

FLACRA just recently partnered with Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board WIB and provides career counseling services to individuals in Seneca County. This is up and running and working with several Seneca County residents.

Still have the 22 ESHI beds that were awarded back in 2021. FLACRA is looking for property to utilize those beds.

They have a housing waiting list for the four-county region – Ontario, Wayne, Seneca and Yates and there are 354 households on the waiting list.

FLACRA has supportive living, which is treatment housing, reintegration back into the community. There are two supported living beds one unit, two beds in Seneca County and they would receive counseling and peer support with 24 hour on-call services. There are specific rules and regulations that need to be followed in the treatment program.

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OASAS has done a pilot project for safety units. FLACRA was originally awarded two units, one unit is in Ontario County and the other in Wayne County. Recently have heard there are two additional units and are looking to have one in Seneca County (possibly secured) and one in Yates County. These units are for anyone exiting the criminal justice system with a substance abuse diagnosis or exiting a residential treatment facility with a substance abuse diagnosis. This is transitional housing and only meant to be 6 to 9 months, no longer than a year, they are provided case management services to help get into permanent housing.

Permanent Supportive housing – There are apartments on Burgess Rd. that are specific to Seneca County and FLACRA works with area landlords to keep Seneca County residents in Seneca County and find housing options for those residents.

There is an ESG (Emergency Solutions grant funding), the rapid rehousing funding, and prevention funds fall under this grant. FLACRA was able to house several families that were homeless and save several families from eviction.

These permanent supported housing, ESG program follows the housing first model, these are not treatment housing, help to get basic needs met and push for services.

At the end of February, Seneca County households on the coordinated entry list was 92. The report breaks this into Mental health, substance abuse, mental disabilities, domestic violence. This part of the report is not broken down by counties.

Billie Kingsbury-Lohr - CAA – Quarterly report was submitted. There were two reports submitted, one for the 2022 annual report and the first quarter of 2023. The Council of Alcohol and Addiction of the Finger Lakes are still in the jail doing anger management. Other programs are being conducted by other agencies. CAA is in FLACRA connections doing the gambling and substance abuse disorder. CAA is in the process of getting Triple P back in FLACRA Connections as new people are coming into the program. The ADPEP program is a three session, 2 hours each for 6 hours program that judges would sentence underage people to if they were caught drinking or in possession of marijuana. Once these youth go through the course and a letter is sent to the judge it expunges the citation from their record. This program is updated every year. With the legalization of Marijuana there will be a lot of youth in possession of, citations and would like to see the ADPEP program back and going strong in Seneca County. The CAA needs to get the presentation back in front of the magistrates' association to get this going again for youth. In Ontario County the ADA will refer youth before they are seen by a judge. Margaret suggested that Billie present to The Criminal Justice Advisory Board and agreed to make the connection for Billie.

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Triple P and Gambling presentations are still being conducted monthly at Dick VanDyke.

Mary Ker – Dick Van Dyke – a report was submitted. Sara Rourke – the new clinical supervisor was introduced. Mary Ker will be retiring in May 2023. 53 admissions for January through the first half of March. 72% were identified with a coexisting psychiatric disorder. From Seneca County there were 4 admissions. Primary substances break down into thirds – alcohol – 14 people, cocaine/crack – 17 people and Methamphetamine is lower. Cocaine/crack is resurging.

DVD has 22 beds, all males. The full time Nurse Practitioner has left. Recently a part time medical director, Dr. Daluke, has been hired and works 2 days a week. Also, a part time Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner was hired.

Tania Doverspike – LEC – There is a little increase with opiate disorder diagnosis this quarter. There is an increase with cocaine, crack and methamphetamine.

Tammy Orlopp – Reports were sent out for Addictions Treatment Programs.

Treatment - Units of service are about the same as last quarter. There is a high percentage of opiates for newly admitted clients at 50%, although there were not a lot of new admissions this past quarter.

2022 OPMAP shows - 2 fatal. 2023 – nothing for January, February – 1 suspected overdose, 1 Narcan administration.

Vocational services – limited, complex needs are above getting employment. Clients have talked about applying for ACCES-VR but then decline and pursue SSD.

There is a new Drug Take back day coming up in April. 200 pounds have already been collected in the last quarter.

The clinic census is down. Continuing care is above 45. Youth there are 2. Referrals are about one third mandated (probation and parole), one third self-referrals and one third from other entities. 77.9% of admitted clients have a co-existing Psychiatric Disorder. 80% reported witnessing trauma.

Prevention – will be winding down for the year in the next couple of months. The work plan is open to work on for the upcoming year. There were some glitches, Waterloo high school did not have a health teacher and contracted out for some health services and staff were not able to perform all the classes in that school that were planned on. There is a high need for prevention counseling throughout all the school districts. Staff are hoping to implement new programming in the fall. The staff is doing well in implementing Positive Action in Romulus schools. There is no report from South Seneca for the junior high classes.

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The media campaign grant is going well. The reports back from the Finger Lakes Times are on par with other community entities, reaching about 3,000 people. This is reaching people on Facebook.

Gambling - numbers have not increased for individuals who have been diagnosed with a pathological gambling disorder in the last quarter. There are no self-exclusion reports from Del Lago. Tammy met with Carol Heitmann – gaming commissioner, at a gambling conference in Albany and spoke about Carol providing quarterly reports about any people in our county who are self-excluding, so we have more than just Del Lago's numbers, but may be excluding from the racetrack in Farmington or utilizing the council or other means to self-exclude.

Margaret Morse –

The ASA plan was reviewed and approved.

Peer services will be reported to Tammy and she will summarize the hours and what the peers do for the community each quarter. A report of how many people are trained for Narcan and how many packages of Narcan are supplied every quarter is done through public health. The clinic has received some Narcan kits from OASAS that will need to be tracked that is separate from the public health report. In future for 2023 moving forward public health would report Narcan trainings and the number of kits provided to the community will need to be separate when coming from OASAS and public health to prevent duplication of numbers.

Treatment programs – employment opportunities vocational outcomes per OASAS is reported from those who use the services that are in the clinic, not the county.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Susan Ottenweller and seconded by Rob Shields. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Next meeting will be held June 20 @ 5:00pm. CSB to follow at 6:30pm.

Submitted by: L. Reynolds