

Seneca County Community Services Board

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Community Services Board Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2023

(Conducted at the DHS Training Room)

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

Guests - Margaret Morse, Tammy Orlopp

Excused –Bethany Felicita, John Cleere, Brenda Black, Jennifer Palmer, Jeanette Rock

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

Secretary minutes from April - 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 – Danielle Tilden and Jessica Chase – FLACRA – Transitional Safety Units – 2022 OASAS provided funding for two transitional units that were housed in Ontario and Wayne Counties. These apartments are single homes, one bedroom with utilities included and the stay per person is 6 to 9 months. Individuals must pursue permanent housing and transition to another living situation. FLACRA has been asked for two additional units and will be allocated for Seneca and Ontario Counties. The goal is to provide short term supportive housing for individuals with SUD who are homeless and cannot access permanent housing, or exiting a residential treatment program and/or with a history of SUD and are exiting the criminal justice center.

FLACRA offers weekly case management and peer services. The units are within walking distance for groceries and shopping. FLACRA is searching for an apartment complex or houses with apartments that FLACRA would lease for a year.

At the end of May, there were 100 homeless families in Seneca County on a wait list. So many individuals need wrap around support. There is a stigma around those with mental health issues or addictions.

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Susan Ottenweller – The Governor’s proposal – that those communities whose zoning does not allow for apartment complexes are being challenged to change their zoning laws. This would expand affordable housing opportunities but communities are not happy about it.

Pineview – Ithaca Neighborhood Housing 2nd phase was not funded.

Committee Report (Joseph Lorenzetti) – ASA Subcommittee meeting was held prior to the CSB meeting via zoom on June 20, 2023 @ 5:00pm. Several agencies submitted reports for the last quarter.

Karen Burcroff – Substance Abuse Coalition – “Don’t be a D (Distracting) Student” for one week for 6 to 12 grades. Prevention campaign for substance use disorder and driving and texting while driving.

Tim VanDamme - CAA – Continues with frequent programs, reductions in suspension, programs on underage gambling. CAA still has staff vacancies.

Danielle Tilden – FLACRA – CCBHC Grant for Geneva and Penn Yan clinics. Reported there was a mass casualty in Ontario County due to cocaine laced with fentanyl.

Tania Doverspike – LEC – BOCES for GED classes has gone away. About 40% of the jail population meets criteria for an opiate disorder.

Tammy Orlopp – Prevention/Treatment/Gambling – one overdose Fatal from March-May.

New group – mixed group - each week pick a new topic and what a person wants to focus on, try to encourage group engagement.

Tammy will speak with John from the Council to offer Triple P at the clinic to clients.

Six people were diagnosed with problem gambling. No self-exclusions data for Seneca County at this time.

All subcommittees have recommended that CSB approve the local service plan for 2024 for submission to the state.

A motion to accept the 2024 Local Service Plan for submission to New York State OASAS and OMH – A motion to accept was made by Joseph Lorenzetti and seconded by Mike Alessio. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Prevention, Treatment and Gambling – Tammy Orlopp – Buprenorphine grant could be paid for up to a year, has been approved. These are covered by pharmacies – NYS DOH – same state effort like Narcan. People at the clinic would be trained, geared for people who fall through the cracks or underinsured.

Prevention infrastructure grant is closed.

Margaret Morse – on behalf of - Program Director of Clinical Services - Brenda Black – Total number of services provided in May - 2695, and 842 were children. Clinic retreat will be all day

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held at Vince's park Aug 23, 2023 from 8am to 4pm. This will be a planned day with activities and awards.

Support staff is fully staffed.

Staff still needed: Senior Psychiatric Worker

Psychiatrist

Psychiatric Nurse

Registered Nurse

Margaret Morse – On behalf of Bethany Felicita – Crisis Response Team – Crisis Response team is going well, very busy. New grant opportunities - no cost extension on the CMHC grant to support Crisis Program for additional months. Crisis services are reimbursable through managed care.

Administrative Remarks- Margaret Morse DCS – HCBHC grant has been submitted.

Work with Truth Pharmacy has begun and the Director Alexis Pleus would like to meet with CSB in the near future.

Ad Hoc met in June and set some priorities to be presented to the County Board of Supervisors.

Over \$189,000 from Opioid Settlement Dollars has been allocated direct to local government unit to be used at the discretion of the LGU. Areas to be utilized the funds for are: Housing, Transportation, Treatment, Prevention, and Harm Reduction.

Clinic OMH audit is scheduled for July 19th & 20th, 2023.

Margaret Morse on behalf of - John Cleere – LEC – John will be teaching the Mental Health Curriculum for the Police Officers on 6 separate dates from July 3rd to July 17th at the Finger Lakes Police Academy. The Seneca County Sheriff's Office and the local P.D.'s have recruits in the session as well as other Finger Lakes Law Enforcement agencies.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Systems of Care is a term used by OMH. We are currently engaged in a OMH Systems of Care Planning Process whose goal is to assist the Seneca County Systems of Care in developing effective coordination and efficiency of services with a focus on shared values of trauma informed, family driven services to improve overall outcomes for children and families in

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our community. This way Systems of Care can look for and fill gaps for care and coordinate to improve the outcomes for kids. The process will result in a written plan for use moving forward.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maria Gigliotti and seconded by Mike Alessio.

Next meeting: Tuesday July 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