

MINUTES
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting
December 21, 2016

Present: Dr. Edmond Amyot, Amy Hughes, Katie Lewis, Ph.D., Lillian McCarthy, Matthew Sickles, and RJ Stutzmann. Also present: Michael S. Prezioso, Ph.D., Megan Johnson, LCSW, and Carol Lyte from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: Joseph W. Carr, Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D, James Colamaria, Maureen Lewsey, and Maria Morris-Groves.

Observers: Cliff Darfler, Jr.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Amyot called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Quorum was established.

III. MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from 7/27/16 was made by Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Sickles. Motion carried. A motion to accept the minutes from 9/28/16 was made by Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Sickles. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Mr. Darfler introduced himself to the Board as an interested observer.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS

A. Staffing- Dr. Wolner will be leaving and Dr. Achar will be retiring. Dr. Wolner worked in both PROS and the Clinic and Dr. Achar worked part time in the jail. The hospital is in the process of recruiting and has an interview scheduled in January. Dr. Cohen will add an extra day and cover PROS until a new physician is hired. The new physician will split time evenly between PROS and the Clinic. Sherry Reeves, one of the Community Mental Health Nurses, will be retiring at the end of the month. A request to reclassify this item will be submitted.

B. Albany Med PPS Redux- After the Board's decision to not join the Albany PPS, the PPS contacted Dr. Prezioso to ascertain whether this decision might be revisited. Dr. Prezioso met with the CEO and CFO of the Albany PPS. The PPS would like to explore partnerships on different projects than the ones originally proposed.

C. Election of Officers Discussion- Dr. Prezioso has been in discussions with Lou Campbell of Clifton Park about becoming a Board member. Dr. Lewis also has a psychologist that is interested in becoming a Board member and has reached out to Dr. Prezioso.

Since the resignation of Dr. Arcangelo, Dr. Amyot has been serving as Acting Chair of the Board. A motion was made by Ms. McCarthy to nominate Dr. Amyot for Board Chair and Amy Hughes for Board Vice-Chair, seconded by Mr. Stutzmann. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. By-Law preview- A draft of the By-Laws was presented to Board members for review and discussion. A motion was made by Mr. Sickles to approve the by-laws as written, with discussions going forward to amend the by-laws as needed. Seconded by Ms. McCarthy. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dr. Prezioso was contacted by Schenectady County Community College. They received a grant designed to enhance training opportunities for behavioral health care workers. Dr. Prezioso would work with them to develop a curriculum to train behavioral health technician. These people might then become part of our own workforce. Interested in developing similar programs at HVCC and Adirondack Community College.
- B. The RFP for a new EHR will be going out. Should be able to use the OASAS funding that is available to pay for it.
- C. We seek to make use of unspent funds from Saratoga Bridges to buy a new van for PROS. The current van is 18 years old. Will also use the funding to buy some supplies for the program.
- D. OASAS is issuing an RFP. Dr. Prezioso has been in discussions with Rob York of Warren/Washington Counties and Janine Stutchin of the Prevention Council about applying for a grant for a Family Navigator who will work with the Recovery Community Center.
- E. SPOA Coordinator attended a recent session at the drop-in center at Shelters of Saratoga to discuss ways clients who receive services there may connect with our resources.
- F. Worked with Warren/Washington Suicide Prevention Coalition and Prevention Council in Saratoga to host a talk at library on suicide prevention.
- G. Suicide Prevention Coalition continues to evolve. A strategic planning session was held. Data are being collected and reviewed to prioritize initiatives. Contract was signed with company that works with Northern Rivers to do branding.
- H. Initiatives for the coming year: Suicide Prevention Coalition, Mental Health Court in Saratoga County- Dr. Prezioso will be speaking with Schenectady County about their MH Court, Home and Community Based Services for Adults- we are a designated provider. Need to figure out billing issues around having people going out into the community and providing services.

VII. NEXT MEETING

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Stutzman. Motion passed. The next meeting will be January 25th at 4:00pm.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Cari Abatemarco