

MINUTES
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting
December 9, 2015

Present: Dr. Edmond Amyot, Frank Arcangelo, Ph.D., Helen Endres, Amy Hughes, Lillian McCarthy, John Penzer, and Robert Ploss. Also present: Michael S. Prezioso, Ph.D. and Carol Lyte from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: William Baker, Joseph W. Carr, Maria Morris-Groves, and RJ Stutzman.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Arcangelo called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established.

III. MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from 10/28/15 was made by Ms. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Amyot. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None present.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS

A. Staffing- The new child psychiatrist will be starting min-January. She will be working 3 days/week. Dr. McMahon will move full time to adults. Kathy Tuczynski was hired as the Senior Social Worker behind Patty Keating. This leaves a vacancy for Staff Social Worker. Approval has been given to hire for this position and the job will be posted after the new year. Jerry Nunez, the outreach worker at the jail, retired. Permission has been given to fill this position as well. The Nurse Practitioner position has not been filled yet. Details with the contract with Saratoga Hospital need to be worked out first.

B. Opioid Overdose Prevention Clinic- Meghan Riihimaki has been in contact with Dr. Sally White at OASAS about this. There is an opportunity for sites to become Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs. As a program, we need to designate a prescriber to serve as Medical Director. Our staff will be trained to train others in recognizing the signs and symptoms of overdose and in using Narcan. Once trained, a person will be given a script, written by the prescriber, to get a kit to carry with them. Once used, a new script for another kit will be written. Reporting to OASAS is nominal. Pending approval from County Attorney and County Administrator.

C. Recovery Community Center RFP- Janine Stutchin, Executive Director of the Prevention Council, has submitted a grant for \$350,000 to operate a Recovery Community Center. Will find out if it is approved in February.

D. Safety

1. All Staff- The Sherriff's Department and HR provided a Workplace Violence training for all staff.

2. Safety in Community- This all day training is in the process of being provided to all staff, focusing on de-escalation techniques and how to defend yourself without harming the other person. This training may be modified to last an hour and a half and brought to other County departments.

3. Upcoming Drill- Questions remain over whether people should know about the drill before it occurs and how much notice is appropriate. A 2 minute notice has been discussed. Also, an estimate has been given on cameras and forwarded to HR. Waiting to hear back from them.

E. DSRIP/PPS- Currently we are a non-binding participant in 3 DSRIP entities. Will be emphasizing crisis stabilization capacity as part of overall project. By April, we will need to make binding commitments. Once DSRIP is gone, fee-for-service will be replaced with value-based payments. Next step is to partner with neighboring Counties that also provide services to hire a consultant to draft a MOU to form a large entity of municipal service providers that will be big enough to allow for some negotiating authority once DSRIP is gone.

F. Board Training: January? – The Board expressed interest in further training. Dr. Prezioso will pursue this.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Stakeholder Meetings- 2 meetings held in December have included a Supreme Court Judge, City Court Judge, DSS Commissioner, Public Health, Mental Health, and Four Winds, to discuss what needs are going unmet.

B. OASAS Review and Plan of Corrective Action- will need to respond to several points that were brought up in the review. Regulations have changed without notice. Need to update policies and procedures to reflect new regulations, refer drug screenings to higher levels of care, improve documentation, provide supervision notes, and improve units of service.

C. Schools- Dr. Prezioso met with Corinth School District in partnership with Public Health regarding public health and mental health needs. They would like a full-time person in the schools to work on these issues. They will be approaching the school board to get funding to create a contract position for a social worker which we would hire to go into the district. Also

meeting with Waterford School District. They are close enough to Stillwater and Mechanicville that they can pool their resources to obtain the funding for this type of position.

D. Mechanicville Community Center/Youth Services- There is currently an Adult Social Worker there once a week. Starting in February, a Youth Social Worker will also be there once a week.

E. DSS/LE collaboration: foster placement/opioid abuse- received a solicitation to be part of a pilot project involving law enforcement and DSS to reduce the number of foster care placements out of homes where opioid abuse has been a factor. Forwarded to DSS to look into it and may be a part of it.

Other Business- Dr. Prezioso will follow up with County Attorney's office regarding bylaws. He has submitted a name to the County for consideration as a new Board member. Other suggestions from the Board are welcomed.

Bob Ploss and Helen Endres are ending their term and leaving the Board. Dr. Amyot made a Motion to express the Board's appreciation for Bob and Helen's dutiful service to the Board. Seconded by Dr. Arcangelo. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be January 27th at 4:00pm.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Arcangelo at 5:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Cari Abatemarco