

MINUTES
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting
July 27, 2016

Present: Dr. Edmond Amyot, Frank Arcangelo, Ph.D., Joseph W. Carr, James Colamaria, Amy Hughes, Maureen Lewsey, Lillian McCarthy, and RJ Stutzman. Also present: Michael S. Prezioso, Ph.D., Megan Johnson, LCSW, and Carol Lyte from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D, Katie Lewis, Ph.D., Maria Morris-Groves, and Matthew Sickles

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Quorum was established.

III. MINUTES

Ms. Lewsey pointed out that under New Business, Section D, the OASAS grant funding to form recovery centers was to be awarded over the next five years, not two. A motion to accept the minutes from 6/29/16, with this change, was made by Mr. Carr, seconded by Ms. McCarthy. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None present.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS

- A. Staffing- in the process of filling the CMHN vacancy and Typist vacancy. There is an anticipated vacancy for a SCASAS SW as the person in this position is moving to the Youth team.
- B. Suicide Prevention Coalition Kickoff and Follow Up- The Kickoff was July 1st, hosted by Four Winds. The next step is to schedule a meeting in September. Will be meeting to develop a brand for the group. Also working on point of sale education in gun stores.
- C. Jail Services Update: Narcan, Vivitrol- Going through draft policies and will meet with jail staff on Friday to go over the policy and discuss candidates. May hold a press conference with the Sheriff's Department to announce the program. Also working on getting Abilify injectable samples at no cost for jail clients provided they are receiving treatment. This would be a similar program to Vivitrol, and is called "Treat Now."
- D. DSRIP Updates- AMCH and AHI Contracting- Concerns over participation agreements with 2 of the 3 PPS's currently involved with- AHI and AMCH. No agreement yet from Alliance for Better Health Care. The AHI agreement is being

- reviewed by the County Attorney who has questions. Dr. Prezioso recommended to the Board that we do not go ahead with the AMHC agreement. We will not see as much funding as originally expected. No flexibility and may be assigned to projects not appropriate for this type of care. The amount of reporting we would be required to do and the investment of staff time is not worth it for the return to the center or the benefit to the clients. Would not be providing any more services than we already are. After discussion, the Board came to a consensus that it will not join the AMHC PPS.
- E. Regional Planning Consortia Update- The Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors will hold a Kick Off meeting to discuss mission and governance.
 - F. Peer Support Updates: MCT Support Group and MHEP- MCT has peer specialists on staff who will hold a monthly support group at the Center. Patty Huber will distribute flyers to the PROS clients to help spread the word. The Mental Health Empowerment Project will work with us to establish our own peer program. Will come to stakeholder's meeting and present there.
 - G. CDPC Closures and Impact- The State has decreased the number of beds from 134 to 113 at CDPC. This will increase the burden on local hospitals that will then need to discharge people or refer clients to other forms of care. There was a Crisis Inpatient Program that had 8 beds that were available for 3 days. However, that has been closed, as well as the admissions program. Ultimately, CDPC is an extremely limited resource. At the same time, if the MHU is not full, it is not a resource either. MHU is very rarely full. Usually a 55-65% occupancy rate. If there are no more beds at the MHU and CDPC is not available, where will these clients go? They will need all of our resources to maintain them in the community. Dr. Prezioso will meet with Angelo Carbone on August 5th to discuss utilization concerns.
 - H. MHU Utilization and Impact- Affiliation between Saratoga Hospital and Albany Med. The Hospital needs approval from the DCS which was given as long as there is no reduction in service. OMH, however, has questions for the Hospital about this regarding utilization at MHU and the logistics of the infrastructure. Affiliation is pending a satisfactory response from OMH.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Transportation- This is one of the most frequently cited barriers to care. Dr. Prezioso spoke with the transit company to present at the stakeholder's meeting.
- B. Meeting with Hospital CEO- See above.
- C. Adult BH-HCBS and BHIT- We applied for and received approval status of a Home and Community Based Service Provider. We can't provide the services here though. They need to be out in the community. We have received \$25,000 to get this off the ground. It specifically cannot be used for an IT platform, which is what we need. Needs to be used by the end of the calendar year. Trying to find appropriate use for it. BHIT- Department of Health has a Behavioral Health Information Technology Grant

Program. They have promised funding for upgrades and licenses but are waiting for formal approval. The hope is will have access to this funding to upgrade our ER system. Potentially, we can apply this with our revenue from OASAS to improve our system and possibly hire a person to manage our IT needs.

D. Other- Dr. Arcangelo received a draft of the Bylaws for the Board from the County Attorney. Will have them for the September meeting.

VII. NEXT MEETING

There will not be a meeting in August. The next meeting will be September 28th at 4:00pm.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. McCarthy, seconded by Ms. Hughes. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Cari Abatemarco