

MINUTES
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting
September 28, 2016

Present: Joseph W. Carr, James Colamaria, Amy Hughes, Katie Lewis, Ph.D., Maureen Lewsey, and Matthew Sickles. Also present: Michael S. Prezioso, Ph.D., Megan Johnson, LCSW, and Carol Lyte from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: Dr. Edmond Amyot, Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D, Lillian McCarthy, Maria Morris-Groves, and RJ Stutzman

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Quorum was established.

III. MINUTES

Minutes from the July meeting will be emailed for review when available and distributed at the October meeting for approval.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None present.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS

A. Staffing

- SW and CMHN fills- An offer was made Friday for the CMHN position and accepted today. The SW position in SCASAS has been filled. Four provisional social workers were just appointed to permanent status.
- 2017 Proposed: Principal Account Clerk, HIMS, CMHN (Youth)- Asking for the addition of a Health Information Management Systems position. Also, there will be a promotional exam within the department for a Principal Account Clerk in billing. The CMHN for the Youth team is currently a TSA position. This position has had a high rate of turnover due in large part to the low salary. Would like to move it to a County position to make it more competitive and in line with the rest of the CMHNs.

B. Suicide Prevention Coalition Kickoff – The second meeting was held. Discussed the mission/vision/value statement. Trying to schedule a third meeting to refine what the group will be doing. The County Administrator is supportive. Working on a minor contract from the grant money that is available to develop brand, pamphlets, and brochures.

C. Jail Services Update: Narcan, Vivitrol- Program is up and running and ready to move forward. A press release is being drafted and the Sheriff's Department will handle the distribution.

D. DSRIP Recommendations re: Master Participation Agreements- Have been working with 3 PPS's- Albany Med, Adirondack Health Institute (AHI), and the Alliance for

Better Health Care (formerly Ellis). The agreement from Albany Med was not open to modification and we would be given projects that are not in line with our mission. Also, the reimbursement would be minimal and not worth the investment of time or staff resources. Dr. Prezioso recommended against participating with Albany Med. He also recommended against participating with AHI. Their contract is essentially the same as Albany Med but it also states that if the need for litigation should ever arise, we would be obligated to have it litigated in Essex County. Our County Attorney recommended against it. Have not received a contract from the Alliance for Better Health Care yet. We will continue to move forward programmatically but the cost of being a formal participant under contract with these two groups will be greater than the benefit to our clients.

A motion was made by Mr. Carr that after having reviewed the information, not to proceed with a participation agreement with Albany Med or Adirondack Health Institute under the DSRIP program. Seconded by Mr. Sickles. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Chair- Dr. Arcangelo has resigned from the Board. Dr. Amyot, as the Vice Chair, can serve in this role but will need to miss a few meetings and would like to open it up to the Board to decide whether they would like to nominate him to the position of Chair. The Board decided to review the draft of the by-laws before making a decision. Dr. Prezioso will send out a copy of the draft by-laws for the Board to review. The Board will then revisit the issue and proceed with the nomination process.

- B. Infrastructure Investment: IT- As part of the Affordable Care Act, facilities will need to be able to communicate information electronically. Our current EHR is not effective to meet regulations. We will need a dedicated IT person on staff and will need to make an investment in a new IT platform. Several vendors have been screened and different funding sources are being explored. There is money available from OASAS that can be used. Additional funding is also available through the BHIT program.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be October 26th at 4:00pm.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Cari Abatemarco