

MINUTES  
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting  
April 26, 2017

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

Absent: Joseph W. Carr, Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D, Lillian McCarthy, and Maria Morris-Groves.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Amyot called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. Quorum was established.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes from 2/22/17 was made by Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Colamaria. Motion carried. Abstain- Ms. Lewsey.

**IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

None present.

**V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS**

A. Suicide Prevention Coalition Update: Prevention Activities and Postvention- The Coalition is working on a Prevention Initiative to provide coffeehouses with coffee sleeves that have a message of hope and the Suicide Hotline phone number printed on them. They will also be setting up a table at the Saratoga Gun Show.

B. IT Update- The IT staff member was hired and has been working for several weeks, already proving to be incredibly valuable. He is currently identifying work flows and reviewing proposals for the new EHR. Feedback is being gathered from other counties on their EHRs and we are aiming to select a vendor around July.

C. Staffing: MD, Senior Nurse, IT, and Account Clerk- The hospital has been recruiting to fill MD vacancies and has also hired a NP who will be working at the Center 2-3 days/week. The Senior Nurse vacancy had one internal applicant who withdrew her application. This will be reposted in May as a regular CMHN position. The Account Clerk is the last support staff vacancy. Interviews are currently being held.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. CDPHP Value-Based Payment Pilot- CDPHP is developing a pilot program to educate staff regarding coding and billing as there is a move towards value-based payments. We will continue to receive APG rates through 2020. After that, we will be negotiating with Managed Care Companies. More to follow on this over time.
- B. Community Human Services and CAPTAIN- CHS is in discussion with CAPTAIN to take over providing services.
- C. Training: DMH- Conversations are being held at the stakeholders meeting regarding disaster mental health. Warren/Washington Counties are interested in putting together disaster mental health training. Dr. Prezioso is a certified trainer.
- D. Board Committee Structure- The Local Services Plan is in the process of being completed to identify local needs for the community. There are three subcommittees for Board members to join- Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and MR/DD. Members have volunteered as follows:  
  
Mental Health- Ms. Lewsey, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Stutzman, Ms. Hughes  
Substance Abuse- Mr. Colamaria, Mr. Sickles  
MR/DD- Dr. Amyot
- E. Board review of Prospective Member- A motion was made by Ms. Hughes to recommend to the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors the appointment of Ranjit Bhagwat, Ph.D. as a member of the Community Services Board. Seconded by Ms. Lewsey. Motion passed.

**VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Colamaria, seconded by Ms. Lewsey. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by: Cari Abatemarco**