

MINUTES  
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting  
June 28, 2017

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

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Amyot called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. Quorum was established.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes from 4/26/17 was made by Mr. Colamaria, seconded by Mr. Sickles. Motion carried.

**IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

None present.

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

A. Prevention Updates-

- CCFW South Hugh Panel: Prevention Activities, Postvention Training- The Community Coalition for Family Wellness was well attended. Good publicity for the Coalition.
- RealTalk- The Clifton Park Library held a RealTalk event in May with CAPTAIN. It was led by the youth and offered training and a panel of speakers. Would like to do more of these.
- ASIST(W/W): this is a 2 day in-depth training for professionals to engage with people thinking of suicide.

B. On-site Pharmacy Services Update- Dr. Prezioso met with the County Administrator and Pharmacy reps to discuss the possibility of opening a pharmacy at the Mental Health Center. The pharmacy would be available to our clients and will impact their ability to easily obtain their medications. It is also available to the staff, family, and general public. This would free up staff time spent on prior authorizations as the pharmacy will handle all of that. The pharmacy would rent out space which would decrease the Department's cost for the building. It is a 3 year commitment and would cost the Department nothing.

- C. Community Human Services and CAPTAIN- Community Human Services is turning over its operations to CAPTAIN. It will not impact this department or the work we do with them.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Opioid STR Grant: New Choices/Sheriff- additional funding is available through OASAS for services in jail. Directors are not sure when money will be available and Sheriffs are concerned providers will be from other counties. Would like to use grant money to do more of what we are already doing. More to come.
- B. Local Services Plan Review- Dr. Prezioso submitted the Local Services Plan. It included statistics related to suicide, opioids, and housing/residential options that are available. Enhanced Supported Housing- when discharged, clients end up in community housing or supportive apartment. ESH is a more comprehensive support for people who are more at risk. It would provide the level of support that they need. There is a rehabilitation support group in Albany that does this successfully and would like to develop a program up here. Dr. Prezioso spoke to the field office and put together a proposal. Waiting to hear from OMH.
- C. BHCC- Behavioral Health Community Collaborative- large, integrated network that includes all different levels of care. People are consulting more but there is no additional funding or resources. As the LGU, we want a large, integrated network of care. As a clinic operator, there is no clear benefit to the County. Not comfortable committing to something we do not know what the benefit is.
- D. Community Services Board Subcommittees- Board members will review the by-laws with respect to Subcommittees and discuss at the next meeting.
- E. Quorum- Dr. Amyot discussed forming an Executive Committee that would be empowered to discuss recommendations or, alternately, holding the meeting even if a quorum has not been established. If an item arises that needs a vote, perhaps an electronic vote can be used. Will discuss this further with the County Attorney.

## **VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Carr, seconded by Ms. Hughes. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by: Cari Abatemarco**