

MINUTES
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting
October 25, 2017

Present: Ranjit Bhagwat, Ph.D., Joseph W. Carr, Amy Hughes, Maureen Lewsey, Lillian McCarthy, and RJ Stutzmann 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., James Colamaria, Katie Lewis, Ph.D., and Maria Morris-Groves.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Hughes 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 9/27/17 was made by Ms. Lewsey, seconded by Ms. McCarthy. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None present.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS

A. On-site Pharmacy Services Update- Genoa Pharmacy is in discussions with the County Attorney's office, working out the language for the contract. One issue is that the pharmacy does not contract with CDPHP which may not be a problem as we move toward value based payments.

B. EHR Update- Dr. Prezioso thanked all the staff who worked so diligently on the new EHR, especially Megan Johnson, Carol Lyte, and Michael Noble, from the RFP and procurement process to identifying funding sources and working with the Board to have it approved.

C. ESH Opportunities- The current model is not adequate for the demands of the people coming out of the state system. There was a proposal made to the Field Office for extra money to provide ESH beds that would include more regular contact with each client. The proposal was rejected. Working on another option to use the supportive housing beds that are available to keep people out of more expensive alternatives.

D. Hedgerow Population- TSA decided not to switch Hedgerow to an all-male population and will continue to be co-ed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. OASAS Proposal: SCAS Expansion- Working on reclassifying the Substance Abuse Counselor/Educator item and asking for a 15 hour/week person as well as funding for another position. With the additional staff, the SCAS program can offer an intensive level of outpatient care. Will use OASAS money to fund the additional items and provide more services.
- B. Capital Region BHCC- While there is some OMH funding for agencies to organize into a BHCC, Dr. Prezioso recommended not to do so right now. There would be a conflict of interest between the LGU and Clinic and it is recommended that he will continue to watch the situation and keep the Board informed of what is happening.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6th at 4:00pm.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Carr, seconded by Dr. Bhagwat. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Cari Abatemarco