

MINUTES  
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting  
December 6, 2017

Present: Dr. Edmond Amyot, Joseph W. Carr, Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D., James Colamaria, Amy Hughes, and RJ Stutzmann Also present: Michael S. Prezioso, Ph.D. and Carol Lyte from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: Ranjit Bhagwat, Ph.D., Katie Lewis, Ph.D., Maureen Lewsey, Lillian McCarthy, and Maria Morris-Groves.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Amyot called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. Quorum was established.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes from 10/25/17 was made by Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Carr. Motion carried.

**IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

None present.

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

A. On-site Pharmacy Services Update- Discussions continue between Genoa Pharmacy, the County Administrator and the County Attorney's office. Outstanding issues concerning regulations and approval from DOH. Possible summer opening.

B. EHR Update- Excess revenue and unexpended funds were used to purchase the new EHR, leaving no cost to the County. The final version of the contract was approved by the Board of Supervisors, contingent upon the approval of the County Attorney's office. The Center will then phase out Netsmart and phase in Ten Eleven.

C. ESH Opportunities- As other resources are reduced, we are looking to develop residential services for clients. Funds will be available in January to partner with RSS in Albany, which has a very successful model currently running in Albany. Can work within their existing infrastructure to handle additional clients.

CDPHP- CDPHP will be attending the monthly meeting of the Regional Directors of Community Services to discuss how they might support enhanced residential services.

- D. Other- The Center is currently down a physician. In discussion with the hospital to resolve this. The Vacancy Review Board is voting today on the new Program Coordinator position, converting the Substance Abuse item, and moving the Outreach Coordinator position from part time to full time.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Suicide Coalition- The coffee sleeves are in with a cost of \$490 for 1000. The hospital is interested in using them. They are printed with information, important phone numbers and the logo on them. Dr. Prezioso has trained in suicide training for teachers and is working on bringing education to the schools.
- B. Stillwater and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake school districts are interested in bringing services on campus. They are linked with Parsons and once space is identified, Parsons can set up.
- C. Transportation Issues- There has been trouble getting people to PROS. Similar issues with UP. Dr. Prezioso met with the transportation contract agency and they are down 60% of their staff. Supervisors are making bus runs at this point.
- D. Workforce- Two staff members have recently retired- one in SCASAS and one on the Support Team. Another significant retirement is coming- Carol Lyte, the Administrative Officer, will be retiring EOB 1/25/18. Dr. Prezioso expressed his gratitude and appreciation for everything Ms. Lyte has done and congratulated her on her well-deserved retirement after 21 years of service to the County and 36 years in public service. Her position will be filled by Cari Abatemarco, effective 1/26/18.
- E. Regional Planning- OPWDD and OMH are looking to develop a regional, rather than just local, planning system for mental hygiene. Concern that local needs may be overlooked and go unfulfilled. Will be a work in progress.
- F. Other- Mr. Carr discussed the Sheriff's Teen Council. The Council meets monthly to discuss issues they see happening and topics they would like to learn more about. Dr. Prezioso will be going to the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss suicide and bullying. The Council is also looking for members and is taking recommendations.

## **VII. NEXT MEETING**

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

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by: Cari Abatemarco**