

MINUTES  
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting  
July 25, 2018

Present: Edmond Amyot, M.D., James Colamaria, Amy Hughes, Katie Lewis, Ph.D., Maureen Lewsey, Lillian McCarthy, Paul Morcone, and RJ Stutzmann. Also present: Michael S. Prezioso, Ph.D. and Cari Abatemarco from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: Ranjit Bhagwat, Ph.D., Joseph W. Carr, Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D., Captain Daniel Morley and Maria Morris-Groves.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Amyot called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. Quorum was established.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes from 6/27/18 was made by Dr. Amyot, seconded by Ms. Hughes. Motion carried.

**IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

None present.

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

A. Staffing – Dr. Prezioso recognized Ms. Abatemarco's hard work developing the narratives related to personnel and budget-related items. Mental Health is the only department that does not currently have a Confidential Secretary. A proposal will be made to add a Confidential Secretary to meet Administration staff and medical records needs. Reclassification of a support staff title is also being added for consistency within the department. The nursing shortage is an ongoing issue and two more nurses are projected to retire within the next six months. Our TSA nurse is interested in filling one of the county nurse vacancies. The plan is to convert the current TSA position into an LMHC or LCSW and utilize that position as the Intake Coordinator. Increasing the nursing salary and adjusting vacation/personal time is being reviewed. Dr. Reilly is our new full-time psychiatrist who started in June. Our new Nurse Practitioner, Shannon James, started with us last week.

B. 730 Proceedings – The number of 730 proceedings has increased tremendously. We pay one-half of the cost per person, per day. The budgeted amount does not meet the current demand. There will be a significant increase in this budget line.

- C. Mental Health Court – Schenectady is the only mental health court available. The program seems to be operating successfully. Saratoga County would need support for a coordinator item to implement a similar program.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. School-based Mental Health Services: BOCES, State Ed CoSer – Generally used in schools to provide services billable by clinicians.
- B. Sheriff's Office:
  - a. Candidate Assessments – Assessments using pencil and paper are done at the mental health clinic for candidates in law enforcement. Psychological interviews will also be conducted at the mental health clinic.
  - b. EAP Support – EAP (Employee Assistance Program) services from a few deputies is available for law enforcement employees. Dr. Prezioso will be providing support.
- C. Crisis Intervention for Law Enforcement - Dr. Prezioso is now state certified to teach at the Academy for new recruits.

**VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 26th at 4:00 p.m.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by: Cheryle Ellsworth**