

MINUTES
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting
September 26, 2018

Present: Joseph W. Carr, James Colamaria, Amy Hughes, Katie Lewis, Ph.D., Maureen Lewsey and Lillian McCarthy. Also present: Michael S. Prezioso, Ph.D. and Cari Abatemarco from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: Edmond Amyot, M.D. Ranjit Bhagwat, Ph.D., Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D., Paul Morcone, Captain Daniel Morley, Maria Morris-Groves and RJ Stutzmann.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Amy Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. A quorum was not established.

III. MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from 7/25/18 could not be made due to the lack of a quorum.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None present.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS

A. Budget Process – The total operating budget proposal was submitted on time. One unexpected item was the number of people who were found to lack capacity to proceed in court proceedings. These individuals are sent to the state for restoration; the county is responsible for 50% of the cost per person, per day. We had a four-fold increase over the course of the past year. We received some additional and unexpected revenue from the Federal Salary Share, as some of our salaries are reimbursed federally. We have asked for a Confidential Secretary and we are going to be reclassifying an item among the support staff for internal consistency. We will continue looking to contract with a nurse, due to hiring difficulties, to perform health assessments in the addictions program.

B. Pharmacy Update – The application for the pharmacy was declined by the Board of Pharmacy. Genoa has revised some of their drawings, and is looking to add an exterior door and a wall.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Suicide Prevention Center – NY Pilot – Dr. Prezioso had communications with the Director of the Suicide Prevention Center of New York. He would like to pilot a program with a couple of counties downstate, such as Westchester and Suffolk counties. They are looking to create a process of conducting psychological autopsies, which is a review of a persons' circumstances prior to a suicide. They will be applying for seed money for a grant and wanted to know if we would be interested in being one of the counties that piloted this program.

- B. Riggs Research Project – Dr. Prezioso forwarded some data from the E.D., related to suicide, to Ms. Lewis. This data was then shared with some individuals at Riggs. Discussions were had regarding doing some research at our Mental Health clinic. More information to follow.

- C. Crisis Stabilization Service – Dr. Prezioso had a conversation with the Executive Director at TSA in which she indicated that The Kaydeross House, a residential program for adolescent females, will be closing. They are considering repurposing the building for crisis stabilization programs. This program would provide more services for those in need of assessments and addiction services.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 31st at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Cheryle Ellsworth