

MINUTES
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting
November 28, 2018

Present: Edmond Amyot, M.D., Ranjit Bhagwat, Ph.D., Wes Carr, James Colamaria, Amy Hughes, Maureen Lewsey, Lillian McCarthy, Captain Daniel Morley, and RJ Stutzmann. Also present: Michael S. Prezioso, Ph.D. and Megan Johnson from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D., Katie Lewis, Ph.D., Paul Morcone and Maria Morris-Groves.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Amyot called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established.

III. MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from 7/25/18 was made by Ms. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Lewsey. A motion to accept the minutes from 9/26/18 was made by Dr. Amyot, seconded by Mr. Carr. Motions carried.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None present.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS

A. Pharmacy Update – A Genoa representative came back out to look at a different space in order to create an exterior door, which would address the concern of confidentiality. Dr. Prezioso checked with the field office; no administrative action or prior authorization review is required.

B. Annual Compliance Training – CMS (Center for Medicaid/Medicare Standards) compliance documents were handed out for review. Dr. Prezioso encouraged the members to review/become familiar with the documentation and feel free to ask any questions. This will constitute education and training on compliance issues, as they relate to what the CSB needs to be doing to ensure that we are adhering to all of the appropriate guidelines and regulations.

C. Budget Update – The budget has been submitted. The BOS is scheduled to vote in 2-3 weeks.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Youth Mental Health First Aid/Saratoga County Citizens Committee for Mental Health – Dr. Prezioso sits on the board for the Saratoga County Citizens Committee for Mental Health. The Mental Health Clinic is going to partner with that non-profit organization to deliver youth mental health first aid training. The hospital is letting us use their facilities, one of their new classrooms, for an all-day training. These trainings are in high demand.
- B. Saratoga Hospital Executive Director for Behavioral Health – There is a new Executive Director at Saratoga Hospital. She will be presenting next Thursday, December 6th.
- C. TSA Intensive Crisis Respite Support – There is an identified need for crisis intervention. We have different parts of the continuum; we have a mobile crisis team, emergency psych services through the ED, and the MHU with on-call services. One of the things missing is a 24-hour sub-need of hospitalization, but still acute and at risk. OMH and TSA both recognized that Kaydeross House would be vacant and were discussing ways to utilize it. Having support from OMH for an intensive crisis stabilization/crisis residential, two-week-long program would be crucial. Albany Med approached Dr. Prezioso to see if it was a need that we have in this area and if he would be interested in being a partner. TSA has since put together a proposal to turn Kaydeross House into a place for people with addiction-related issues or acute mental health issues, not necessarily meeting the criteria for a trip to the ED. They would get a health assessment by a nurse, on-call professional staff and access to a physician, as well as case management staff. They are planning to open it up to Warren-Washington, Saratoga, Schenectady and Rennselaer, as they are covered by the mobile mental health crisis team that Parsons operates. More details to follow.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30th at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Cheryle Ellsworth