

MINUTES  
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting  
January 29, 2020

Present: Wes Carr, James Colamaria, Amy Hughes, Lillian McCarthy, Paul Morcone (via phone conference), Captain Dan Morley and RJ Stutzman. Also present: Michael Prezioso, Ph.D. from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: Edmond Amyot, M.D., Ranjit Bhagwat, Ph.D., Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D., Katie Lewis, Ph.D., and Maureen Lewsey.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes from 11/20/19 was made by Mr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Stutzman. Motion carried.

**IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

None present.

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

A. Armed Active Shooter Training – Dr. Prezioso has rescheduled the active shooter drill to take place on February 24, 2020. Blank rounds will be shot by deputies to familiarize employees with the sound of a firearm when it's discharged indoors, as opposed to outdoors. The hope is to desensitize people just enough so they can downshift on fear and anxiety and upshift on thinking about what they should do. Patients will not be in the building during this drill. There will be a debriefing immediately after the drill to go over responses and reactions with the deputies. Over the years, we have implemented several security items in the building such as shatterproof glass in the reception area, camera systems, internal doors, first responder pendants and mirrors.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. State Budget Impact – The State budget has significant shortfalls in terms of the Medicaid budget and Medicaid overspending. Dr. Prezioso indicated we are exempt based on Article 31 and Article 32 status. Something that could have a significant impact on the Mental Health Department and the County are the 730 examinations.

For those found to lack capacity, they must be sent for restoration and the county pays half the cost per person per day. We are now faced with the reality of having to pay 100% of these restoration services. The State Association of Mental Hygiene Directors has been advocating for several years for the State to pay for restoration services since they are the ones who have custodial care and are treating these individuals.

We received money from OASAS in our budget request for a 1.0 full-time equivalent staff member to be our CRPA.

**VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by: Cheryle Ellsworth**