

MINUTES  
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting  
March 25, 2020

Present via telephone conference due to COVID-19: Edmond Amyot, M.D., James Colamaria, Amy Hughes, Katie Lewis, Ph.D., Maureen Lewsey, Lillian McCarthy, Paul Morcone, Captain Dan Morley and RJ Stutzman. Also present: Michael Prezioso, Ph.D., Megan Johnson and Cari Abatemarco from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: Wes Carr and Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Amyot called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes from 1/29/20 was made by Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Colamaria. Motion carried.

**IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

None present.

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

Armed Active Shooter Training – Our active shooter drill took place on February 24, 2020. Two deputies shot blank rounds in the building. We are looking into having a second debriefing session in the near future. Ms. Johnson felt that the drill was well received by staff and stated that they felt more prepared after going through that experience.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

COVID-19 Update: All County Department Heads were called to a meeting to discuss planning for COVID-19. Dr. Prezioso praised the mental health staff for developing and communicating an operational plan that focused on the patients' needs and continuity of care under ever-changing circumstances. The County requested that Department heads identify essential and non-essential employees. This included the implementation of rotating teams (team A and team B) to minimize the number of employees in the building. Telehealth and telepsychiatry services have been approved and are working very well. Our nursing staff is on a rotating schedule two days a week in order to get our patients their needed injectable medication. We

are moving in the direction of conducting all other business at home with a minimal amount of staff in the office. Ms. Johnson indicated that our patients are very impressed with the level of contact given the current circumstances and are showing up for their scheduled appointments via telephone. New patients are being handled as priority referrals from the ED and are being conducted as phone intakes. Clinic operations are continuing with uninterrupted services and schedules are being maintained amongst clinicians and doctors. Dr. Prezioso stated that mental health training is being conducted at the call center.

Ms. McCarthy wants people to know that Healing Springs Recovery Center has a full calendar of video meetings from morning to evening including check-ins, all recovery meetings, family meetings, meditation, smart recovery, writings, etc. Anybody can join through Zoom and their calendar is listed on their Facebook page.

Dr. Prezioso indicated that the LSP deadline has been extended to an unknown date due to COVID-19.

**VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. McCarthy, seconded by Ms. Hughes. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by: Cheryle Ellsworth**