

MINUTES  
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting  
May 27, 2020

Present via telephone conference due to COVID-19: Edmond Amyot, M.D., Wes Carr, Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.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. and Megan Johnson from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: None absent.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Amyot called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes from 3/25/20 was made by Ms. Lewsey, seconded by Ms. McCarthy. Motion carried.

**IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

None present.

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

COVID-19 Update – SCMHC successfully transitioned to working remotely with minimal staff onsite. The Clinic has maintained an identical service pace with the same number of services provided as last year. Nurses continue to work on a two-day rotating schedule to provide patients with their injectable medication. All services are being maintained. We are now in the beginning stages of formulating a plan to bring staff back onsite. Telehealth has been working well for most patients but we have asked the clinicians to prioritize patients who need to come into the office to be seen. Most patients do prefer telehealth services. Dr. Prezioso praises the entire staff for the continuity of care during this Pandemic. SCAS will see clients by appointment only, rather than on a first come, first served basis. Ms. McCarthy indicated there has been an increase in relapses. Last year we had 22 overdose deaths in our county. This year, to date, we have had 20 within the age range of 25-35. Dr. Lewis inquired whether we are taking new patients and Dr. Prezioso responded that we are still accepting new referrals. Dr. Prezioso informed her that an ACT Team has also been established, partnering with Warren/Washington counties. Dr. Lewis commended the outward-facing support being streamed through FaceBook Live and indicated that it is a great resource for many people. Dr. Amyot would like to thank everyone for

doing a great job during these uncertain times. Mr. Stutzman shared feedback from the hospital and indicated the process has been going very smoothly with regard to making referrals and getting appointments with SCMHC.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Morley, seconded by Dr. Amyot. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by: Cheryle Ellsworth**