

MINUTES  
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting  
September 30, 2020

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

Absent: Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D., James Colamaria and Paul Morcone,

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Amy Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Dr. Amyot joined the meeting at 4:18 due to connectivity issues using Zoom.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes from 7/29/20 was made by Captain Morley, seconded by Ms. McCarthy. Motion carried.

**IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

None present.

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

- A. COVID-19 Response Update – The mental health staff has continued to do an outstanding job adjusting to the new normal. We have had great success with the scheduling issues addressed previously. Clinicians are seeing patients on-site two days per week and remote work also continues on-site, while addressing the needs of our patients.
- B. State and Local Budget Updates – Dr. Prezioso has not heard anything more from OASAS or OMH regarding the 20% withholds for the fourth quarter. He did receive an email today from OPW and they will be withholding 20% going into the fourth quarter. However, there will be full funding for residential programs. We turned in our budget submission and have not received any feedback as of this date. Mr. Carr indicated that the final budget meeting is held in early December. The county tables the budget at the November board meeting for a public hearing. There is a special board meeting just prior to the agenda meeting in December, which is the week before the normal board meeting and they vote on the budget at that point. So we are looking at the second week of December. As previously

indicated, the LSP is in the form of a survey and Dr. Prezioso would like to thank the board members for their input.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Workforce – There have been Federal programs made available to all staff for COVID-related reasons, such as FFCRA. This affords staff the opportunity to access time, similar to FMLA, and are paid two-thirds of their salary. We currently have two employees actively using FFCRA and two employees that have already used FFCRA. Employees are encouraged to take advantage of these programs. This is on the county’s radar and the county will be looking into flexibility of work schedules.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved, seconded and agreed at 4:26 p.m. that the Board move to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The Board returned to Regular Session at 4:56 p.m., no action taken.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING**

The End of Year Meeting will be determined by a Doodle Poll.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Please see Executive Session above.

**Respectfully submitted by: Cheryle Ellsworth**