

MINUTES
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting
January 27, 2022

Present via Zoom due to COVID-19: Edmond Amyot, M.D., Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D. James Colamaria, Maureen Lewsey, Paul Morcone, Captain Dan Morley, and RJ Stutzman. Also present: Michael Prezioso, Ph.D., and Cari Abatemarco from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: Christina Holst, Lillian McCarthy, Michaelah Townley, Nicole Tremblay, M.D.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Amyot called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established.

III. MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from 12/2/21 was made by Dr. Sisk, seconded by Captain Morley. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None present.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS

- A. COVID-19 Response Update – Dr. Prezioso indicated that the Mental Health Clinic is moving back to telehealth services due to the increased number of COVID-19 cases in both patients and staff. As cases decline, we will allow more patients back on site for services. All staff must wear masks since we fall under CMS and are subject to the state mandate.
- B. EMS – Dr. Prezioso has been working with the local EMS in Wilton and performing some mental health training such as suicidal ideation, anxiety and depression. After speaking with law enforcement and EMS, it is clear that adding the component of mental health services has been serving its purpose. There is a plan to start EMT school in two weeks to lend some credibility and make a difference in the community.
- C. CIT (Crisis Intervention Treatment) – Dr. Prezioso continues to work with Captain Morley and local law enforcement agencies. It's a systemic review of the operations of the all the county stakeholders and how to divert away from the criminal justice system, if possible. The training is on a rolling basis and a

collaborative effort. Ms. Lewsey asked who will be providing the training and Dr. Prezioso indicated that Clifton Park/Halfmoon EMS will provide the training.

- D. FACT – Dr. Prezioso had hoped to be able to develop an assertive community treatment team that would be specific to forensic populations. There are not enough resources to develop a full team and the state is not able to contract directly with us. However, he identified RISE and a group in Rochester to develop the teams. There are enough resources for approximately one year to have care management staff brought to RISE to develop a pilot program.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. NYLEAP (New York Law Enforcement Assistance Program) – Dr. Prezioso attended a presentation that some state legislatures put together to help serve veterans. Ms. Holst, our newest CSB member, is the new Amy Hughes, who was formerly the coordinator for the Veteran’s Agency.
- B. NYSPHA – Dr. Prezioso and Jeannine Stugen submitted a proposal for a presentation for their annual conference. The proposal was accepted and they will be presenting in April, 2022 in Buffalo, New York.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 26, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Lewsey, seconded by Dr Sisk. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Cheryle Ellsworth