

MINUTES
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting
July 28, 2022

Present: Edmond Amyot, M.D., Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D. James Colamaria, Christina Holst, Amy Hughes, Lillian McCarthy, Paul Morcone, Captain Dan Morley, RJ Stutzmann, and Michaelah Townley. Also present: Michael Prezioso, Ph.D. and Cari Abatemarco from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: Maureen Lewsey and Nicole Tremblay, M.D.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Amyot called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established.

III. MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from March 31, 2022 was made by Ms. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Amyot. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None present.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS

- A. Staff Appreciation Day – Saratoga County held its first ever Staff Appreciation Day at the fair grounds on June 1, 2022 hosted by County Administration and the BOS. A large percentage of county-wide staff attended and enjoyed a BBQ and each employee received a free county t-shirt.
- B. Opiate Settlement and Proposed Uses – The County has begun receiving payments in connection with recent settlements with pharmaceutical companies related to the prescription of opiates. Clifton Park Supervisor Barrett, Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, and Dr. Prezioso recently met with families and prevention staff to identify potential uses of settlement funds. A number of family support alternatives were discussed. Discussion with other services providers will continue.
- C. Budget Process Preparation – The budget process is underway with the new County Administration restructured financial team and is due by August 15, 2022. We are looking to reclassify some civil service items to more closely reflect employees job duties. One addition to our budget this year is charging for the evaluations that we do of candidates who are trying to join the Sheriff's office.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CPHM CARES UP Funding – Clifton Park/Halfmoon EMS won a grant which is a suicide prevention and mental resilience, mental wellness and health and wellness grant. It's to develop resources in support of responders who take care of the community.
- B. Local Services Plan Changes – OASAS has made some format changes to the LSP. They are looking for a summary in October, 2022 and in June, 2023, they are asking for a 4-year plan. Then, between 2023-2027, they will ask for updates. We will need input from the CSB and the stakeholders.
- C. New Gun-Related Legislation: ERPO, Safe Act – Uncertainty remains regarding the implementation of the statute, particularly regarding the reporting requirement. Clarification is being sought.
- D. EMS Peer Support Program – Dr. Prezioso continues to ride with Wilton EMS and finished his EMT class. He is registered to take the state exam on August 10, 2022. He has been asked to talk at CME days, helped consult on the selection of an EAP, consulted and taught a session with the Community Paramedicine Program. The big project has been organizing critical incident stress debriefing and training for all EMS agencies, as well as the Sheriff's office. This is on track to be scheduled in early October.
- E. Open Meetings Law – There will be minor changes for the CSB regarding how we meet, establish a quorum, vote and approve minutes. More information to follow.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Schedule End of Year Meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Captain Morley, seconded by Mr. Colamaria. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Cheryle Ellsworth