

MINUTES
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting
March 31, 2022

Present in-person and via Zoom: Edmond Amyot, M.D., Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D. James Colamaria, Christina Holst, Amy Hughes, Maureen Lewsey, Lillian McCarthy, Captain Dan Morley, RJ Stutzmann, and Michaelah Townley. Also present: Michael Prezioso, Ph.D., Megan Johnson, Cari Abatemarco from the Mental Health Center and guest visitor, Elise Velez from OPWDD.

Absent: Paul Morcone and Nicole Tremblay, M.D.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Amyot called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established.

III. MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from January 27, 2022 was made by Mr. Stutzmann, seconded by Ms. Lewsey. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None present.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMS – Dr. Prezioso continues to develop relationships with the EMS services and riding along with Wilton EMS to help engage in some of the mental health calls and be a resource for the staff who are experiencing duress. He has been able to connect several people with various types of resources including connections with insurances via our SPOA Coordinator and connections with providers in the area. Dr. Prezioso is helping to lay the groundwork for the broader program, which will be to bring critical incident stress debriefing training to multiple agencies across fire, EMS, dispatch and law enforcement. County Administration has been very supportive of this initiative.
- B. CIT (Crisis Intervention Treatment) – Dr. Prezioso continues to work with Captain Morley and local law enforcement agencies. The formal training for law enforcement will take place in September. There is money available to cover the cost of overtime for staff. Saratoga Springs PD will also be involved.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Hospital Admission and CPL 730 – There is some indication that Bail Reform adjustments are being made with implications to the court system and the hospital. There are discussions about allowing the court broader discretion involving hospitalizing someone as an emergency admit for the purpose of a 730 evaluation. Dr. Prezioso and Dr. Bastien met with Saratoga Springs City Court Judge Vero to discuss the disproportionately high “no-show” rate for CPL 730 examinations Ordered by her Court. Under certain circumstances, the law permits hospital admission for the purpose of conducting so-Ordered examinations.

- B. Opioid Settlement Resources – The State was involved in suing the pharmaceutical companies around opioids, their prescriptions and the addictions that followed. Individual counties also took part. It is uncertain what track the money is going to follow. Part of that will be determined by an Opioid Advisory Board and the membership of that is being negotiated as part of the budget process. There is a lot of interest on the part the county’s Health & Human Services Committee about applications for that resource. Dr. Prezioso is trying to develop Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) services at the clinic.

VII NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be September 29, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Stutzmann, seconded by Ms. Lewsey. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Cheryle Ellsworth