

MINUTES
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting
March 30, 2023

Present: Edmond Amyot, M.D., James Colamaria, Amy Hughes, Maureen Lewsey, Paul Morcone, Captain Dan Morley, RJ Stutzmann and Michaelah Townley. Also present: Michael Prezioso, Megan W. Johnson and Cari Abatemarco from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D., Christina Holst, Lillian McCarthy, and Nicole Tremblay, M.D.

Also present: Karen Hoffman, Director of Provider Relations for LIFEPlan CCO NY LLC.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Amyot called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established.

III. MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from January 26, 2023 was made by Captain Morley, seconded by Ms. Hughes. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None present.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS

- A. Opiate Settlement/Proposals: Opioid Emergency Summit – Ongoing discussions continue with the State Opiate Advisory Board. They have completed their report and published it. A pathway was identified and funds were disbursed directly to the county. We are in line for \$1 million, which will extend out for many years to come. The state would like us to return a plan for use of those funds. We would like to hear from the community to discuss the areas of need. Supervisor Barrett hosted a listening session at the end of February and several representatives from Public Health attended. Also, in attendance was Saratoga Hospital, NGOs, CAPTAIN, S.O.S. and the District Attorney's office. Following that session, Dr. Prezioso sent out a note asking for some input from the participants to include some numbers. The money does not have to be spent all at once and will roll over from year-to-year. The strength of that allows for a program to be put into place and then maintain that program for 3, 4 or 5 years, depending how the funds are allocated. There will be some reporting requirements that will go along with this. We are currently waiting to hear back from Public Health regarding the purchase of vending machines for Narcan.

- B. EMS Support Update – Regarding the February stats for the EMS and First Responder Peer Support team, Dr. Prezioso would like to thank Captain Morley for passing along data and collecting it from other folks. There was a total of 19 individuals who the team had contact with during the month of February. With those 19 people, there were 47 follow-up meetings, which included two referrals to higher levels of care and Dr. Prezioso helped with two consults. There have been discussions around making resources available to supplement the cost of ongoing needs for therapy for First Responders. There have also been some very preliminary discussions with the county regarding Worker’s Compensation, and even exploring private options to develop some sort of financial resource that could support the cost of treatment for people who need it in the responder community.

- C. RISE: Dominic Hollow – Dr. Prezioso had conversations with SPOA and RISE regarding the referral process. Dominic Hollow is adjacent to Hedrow House and Hannaford in Ballston Spa. Ms. Hughs indicated that there will also be a crisis residence opening in a couple of months. Mr. Stutzmann indicated that the main issue is hiring staff.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Local Services Planning – This is our annual process of identifying across the board areas of need within the schools, hospital settings, and other community settings. Dr. Prezioso will collect all of the feedback and incorporate it into the Local Services Plan, which is due at the end of June. Dr. Prezioso asked the CSB to inform him of any issues or gaps in services.

- B. Hospital Water Damage – Saturday night into Sunday morning significant water damage occurred at the Saratoga Hospital due to the activation of a fire sprinkler in one of the patient’s room. There was approximately a foot of water and all of the MHU patients had to be relocated to other areas of the hospital. Mr. Stutzmann indicated that the on-call doctor did an excellent job. Restoration will take several weeks to complete.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

VIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Lewsey and seconded by Mr. Colamaria. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Cheryle Ellsworth