

MINUTES
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting
July 27, 2023

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

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

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 March 30, 2023 was made by Amy Hughes, seconded by Captain Morley. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None present.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS

A. Opiate Settlement/Proposals:

Dr. Prezioso spoke with Supervisor Barrett, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee, in regard to proposals received for the use of opiate funds. He would like to develop a rating system based on effectiveness, sustainability, and how to prioritize based on community needs which are the categories that the state laid out for everyone. Input from this Board is welcomed. Some counties are entering into contracts with a single entity, which is then subcontracted out to numerous service providers. Dr. Prezioso also suggested that there may be a way to collaborate with Department of Health to be more successful given the increasing role that they are playing in preventative efforts to possibly make this work even more efficiently. We have to think about how to project into the out years how much we'll have based on what it is that we're going to be supporting to see how long we can continue. If we spend what was allocated to us during the state fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the out years may not have enough for everything we'd like to be able to do. Dr. Prezioso will be meeting with the Deputy County Administrator for some assistance in doing some of those projections.

B. EMS Support Update YTD 2023

- 89 Persons
- 217 Support Meetings
- 4 Critical Incident Stress Debriefings
- 6 Consultations
- 8 Outreach/Educations
- 13 Inquiries from Outside Agencies for Assistance.

Clinic Update 2023

- 1, 100 Mental Health Clinic Clients
 - 175-200 of these are Children
 - 56 in Intake Status
 - 400 in Referral Process
 - 38 Assisted Outpatient Treatment Order
 - 31 AOT through Clinic
 - 7 through Northern Rivers ACT
 - 160 Pick-Up Orders, 19 of which were AOT
 - 70% Onsite, 30% Telehealth
- 172 Addiction Services Clients
 - 30 Intake
 - 40 Referral (First Appointment)
 - 90% Onsite, 10% Telehealth
- 50 PROS Clients

There have been approximately 10,000 services within the first six months of 2023 between the Clinic and Addiction Services.

C. Local Services Planning

Dr. Prezioso submitted the Local Services Plan in June. The structure has shifted this year to creating a plan that will be updated over the next four years and will refer back to the plan created this year. The needs of the community have been the same needs across the state that have been identified for years. The homeless-mentally ill population is still considered a high need demographic by the state. Resources from the state have been devoted to SOS CTI teams focusing on outreach and mobile support to make connections, develop relationships, and provide wraparound services. Ms. McCarthy indicated that services are provided by Healing Springs there offering a harm reduction group and also addiction services. Dr. Amyot suggested that the board might benefit from hearing from someone from RISE about their involvement with the shelter to get a better understanding of what they do. Dr. Prezioso agreed that it makes sense to have them participate.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

HR and Budget: 2024

Over two to three years, there have been discussions with HR to upgrade/reclassify our Clinic Program Coordinator to reflect the greater responsibility for the substantially larger size of the program. The proposal also calls for the promotion or reclassification of our IT specialist, who has been crucial in addressing the everyday technical requirements of all staff members as well as those pertaining to the EHR. A new Quality Assurance position with responsibilities that encompass Medicare and Medicaid compliance has also been proposed in response to the growing requirements. There have been ongoing discussions with HR regarding nursing hiring and retention. Early discussions of LPN incorporation have prompted concerns about LPN supervision. If we are having difficulties keeping RNs with the current remuneration packages, there is concern about how we will find and keep RNs who also must supervise. There are vital services that we will not be able to provide otherwise. Submission deadline is August 21, 2023.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be September 28, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

VIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Lewsey and seconded by Ms. Hughes. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Kellie Russo