

MINUTES  
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting  
March 28, 2024

Present: Amy Hughes, Maureen Lewsey, 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: Edmond Amyot, M.D., James Colamaria, Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D., Paul Morcone, Christina Holst, Michaelah Townley and Nicole Tremblay, M.D.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Stutzmann called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was not established.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes from December 7, 2023 and January 25, 2024 was not made due to lack of quorum.

**IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

None.

**V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS**

- A. CSEA Contract – Discussions continue. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.
- B. Safety – Dr. Prezioso stated he met this week with the Deputy County Administrator, Undersheriff, and a security professional to receive feedback on some of the items we may require as we move forward with having an unarmed security presence onsite during our hours of operation. Dr. Prezioso indicated that he is working on an RFP to submit and stated that he is hoping to have this in place within the next few months.
- C. CRPAs/SROs – There was a follow up meeting with Heathy Capital District Initiative, who handles recruitment and training of CRPAs, to go over elements of the contract. The contract has been submitted and is under review. The next step would be to identify and interview potential candidates.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Meetings with Officials – Dr. Prezioso stated that he has been involved in a series of meetings with County and City officials, as well as local agencies, related to the needs and services of the homeless population. Discussions have taken a look at continuing support for code blue, as well as the future of Adelphi’s low-barrier shelter, whose lease expires April of 2025.
  
- B. Don Kamin, Ph.D. – Dr. Kamin is the Director of CCSI's Institute for Police, Mental Health & Community Collaboration and is responsible for the operation of crisis intervention teams and training for law enforcement interacting with people with behavioral disturbances. Information was received that suggested funding was available through a grant program to connect our 9-1-1 dispatch with 9-8-8 and other local resources, such as Mobile Crisis and Saratoga County Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to see if there is any kind of diversion algorithm that could potentially be built into the existing system that is used when making dispatch decisions. Dr. Prezioso is working together with Mike McEvoy, EMS Coordinator; Steve Gordon, Director of Emergency Communications; and the group from CCSI's Institute for Police, Mental Health & Community Collaboration.

**VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be May 30, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Stutzmann and seconded by Ms. McCarthy. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by: Kellie Russo**