

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

October 17th, 2024

APPROVED

Via Hybrid

Member Tina Lounsbury
Attendance: Christine Schweitzer
Shawn Nalepa
Larissa Brower
William Standinger, III
John Bezirganian, MD
Fran Bialy
Carolyn Galatzan
Porshea Moore
Bob Williams

Guests: Casie O'Reilly, OPWDD

Mental Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Hygiene Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services
Attendance:

Meeting called to order at 9:34am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from September 2024 – Approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Waverly
 - Coordinating furniture & computer delivery
 - Office space given to DSS and the State Program
 - Site received OMH approval for 3 years
 - Waiting for the OASAS facilities manager to view the space
 - Waiting occupancy certificate
 - Opening late November, early December
 - Ribbon cutting will be planned
- Staffing
 - Resignations:
 - Jeffrey Caris, Spencer Middle School, effective 10/10/24
 - Diane Obregon, PT Accounting Clerk, effective 9/26/24
 - Christa Anderson transferring to Personnel 10/21/24
 - New Hires:
 - Jessica Murphy, Sr. CSW – Waverly office, starting 10/7/24
 - Jamison Colegrove, CSW – Owego office, starting 11/4/24
- Mobil Crisis

- Seeking a Social Worker
- Possible Peer found
- Resolution passed for the purchase of two vehicles for this program
- Resolutions
 - Annual Agency Contract resolutions presented and passed
 - Mobil Crisis vehicle purchase resolution passed
- Mental Health Wellness Day
 - Mental Hygiene staff had a wellness day a couple of weeks ago

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – John Bezirgianian, MD

Discussion: Updates

- Clinic received their 3-year OMH license certification
- OPWDD Subcommittee
 - State Medicare report came out
 - Listed pros & cons
 - Nothing definitive

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Committee Reports

Discussion: Updates

- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
 - October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 - Candlelight Vigil will be virtual this year
 - Tic Tok video, Instagram, Facebook site
- Shawn Nalepa
 - Member of the Regional Domestic Violence Counsel
 - Hosting domestic violence instructor course for all Broome County Police
 - Will be taught at the Police Academy as well
- Bob Williams – Coroner Report & EMS
 - Toxicology report back for an individual in August
 - Fentanyl
 - Had an alcohol related death over the weekend (2nd this year)
 - TAM is moving forward – contract signed for the grant funding
 - Consultant coming in
 - Schools reaching out and being added to the team
 - Attended the TAM Summitt in Albany
 - Grant funding pays for people to attend the Summitt
 - Going forward, more TAM meetings, Consultants coming on board and hoping for more cases
- Carolyn Galatza
 - Attended the New Hope Center picnic
- Larissa Brower
 - SOS Team is running in Owego three days per week
 - Training new staff

- Porshea Moore
 - Most of the Homeless have been moved into shelters
 - Only a handful did not accept help and are tenting in various areas
 - Attended a Recovery Conference
- Casie O'Reilly - OPWDD
 - The Governor signed the "Employment First" order
 - New York is now an Employment First state
 - October is National Disabilities Employment Awareness month
 - More information later

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:17am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21st, 2024, at 9:30am.