

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

October 19th, 2023

APPROVED

Via Hybrid

Member John Bezirganian, MD
Attendance: Fran Bialy
 Larissa Brower
 William Standinger, III
 Pat Gillule
 Bob Williams
 Shawn Nalepa
 Porshea Moore
 Tina Lounsbury

Guests:

Mental Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Hygiene Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services
Attendance: Meeting called to order at 9:35am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from September 2023

Discussion: Approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Contracted Employees
 - Currently developing a relationship with Fairview Recovery
 - One part-time Psychiatrist & Nurse Practitioner
 - All other contracted employees are now county employees
 - Permission to contract with Fairview Recovery approved by the County Attorney
 - Resolution to be presented in November to sign contract
- Working on Mobile Crisis Plan
- Awarded the DFC Grant for an additional five years
- Staffing
 - Individual in process to fill the SPOA/Corporate Compliance Officer role
 - Three new clinicians started with two more in process. Hoping for a November start
- Wrap around funds for RSS
 - P-cards being issued; county will no longer be involved with pass thru funding

- More information to come
 - RSS has a balance that will be used by the end of the year
- No new vehicles yet
- Criminal Psych
 - Received a bill for over \$74,000 for August
 - Discussion ensued
- Youth ACT Team
 - Childrens Home was awarded to do
 - Lori wrote a letter of support for RSS
- Budget
 - Accomplished coming in budget neutral
 - No issues thus far
 - All annual contract resolutions to be presented to the Legislature in November
- Waverly Site
 - Hoping to receive the final renovation estimate from the Hunt Agency
 - Would like to have before the November Legislative meeting
 - Once accepted by the legislature, Public Works will put the job out for bid
- Lori attending the Fall CLMHD Membership meeting in Watkins Glen November 25th – 27th

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – John Bezirgianian

Discussion: Updates

- Subcommittee Updates
 - MH Subcommittee discussed articles for Pennysaver
 - ASA Subcommittee
 - Chair of the Coalition leaving for another job
 - Lori calling Ann at Trinity to discuss
 - OPWDD Subcommittee
 - Survey on Effectiveness of Care Coordination
 - Several virtual Town Hall have taken place
 - Participants that needed to see it were not notified

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates

- Task force being created around Daniel’s Law
 - More information to come
- Peer Advocate – Porshea Moore
 - Gas Station Heroin – Zaza
 - Sold as a weight loss/antidepressant
 - Pseudo opioid – highly addictive - as short as two days
 - Withdraw lasts up to two weeks
 - Will not register on a drug test

- Found at headshops
 - Jars are \$ 25-\$45
 - Narcan does work
 - Already banned in Massachusetts and Kentucky
 - Perhaps should do a public service campaign
 - Porshea is currently on three different boards
 - The Red Door – Waverly
 - Hoping to put in apartments women above the Red Door
 - Received a grant to do small upgrades
 - Lockwood Church “Another Door”
 - May be used as sober housing
 - Parking lot is being put in
 - Shawn told Porshea about a connection he has who may be able to assist her group with what they are trying to accomplish
- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
 - October is Domestic Violence Awareness month – Ribbons/fliers distributed
 - Super Smash Bro’s Tournament (flier attached) at the Elks Club October 29th
 - No age limit
- EMS - Bob Williams
 - LEPC meeting scheduled for November 1st at 9:00am at the Public Safety Building, Multi-Purpose Room (hybrid meeting)
 - Tabletop discussion
 - TAM incident involved with Hazmat component
 - Purpose is to talk it thru in the event of a real incident
- Coroner – Bob Williams
 - One coroner had an overdose death
 - Toxicology still out as to the drug used
- RSS - Larissa Brower
 - Currently RSS has openings and accepting referrals
 - Larissa will be out after February on maternity leave
- Pat Gillule
 - Retired from teaching this past June
 - Remains the Director of Camp Badger
- Shawn Nalepa
 - Retired from the Tioga County Sheriff’s Department in June
 - Currently working as an instructor in Broome County
- Other Discussion
 - Housing and the homeless population discussion ensued
 - Shawn shared there is a large number of homeless people in Broome County.
 - 60-70 kids in the Endicott School System

- 300+ in the Binghamton School System
- Everything is being turned into student housing in Broome
- People everywhere are being priced right out of housing
- Porshea shared about some of the people she is meeting and trying to help on a daily basis
- Tioga County has no homeless housing
- Section 8 has a two-year waiting list; homeless has priority
 - Difficulties with navigating this system shared

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:34am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th, at 9:30am.