

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

March 21st, 2024

Pending Approval

Via Hybrid

Member John Bezirganian, MD

Attendance: Porshea Moore
Bob Williams
Fran Bialy
Pat Gillule
Tina Lounsbury
Christine Schweitzer
Shawn Nalepa

Guests: Eric Mastrogiovanni – RSS Representative

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

Meeting called to order at 9:34am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from February 2024

Discussion: Approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- DFC Grant
 - Grant recently renewed
 - \$125,000 per year – 5 years
 - Christina Olevano leaving at the end of the month
 - Trinity has no plans to rehire for Christina's position
 - Trinity no longer wants the DFC Grant
 - Lori is working with Public Health
 - Public Health proposing to hire a Coordinator for the ASAP Coalition
 - Kylie Holochak coordinating coalition in the interim
 - The DFC Grant remains under Mental Hygiene
 - Lori as the LGU is still involved
 - Public Health will run the Coalition
 - Porshea Moore expressed her willingness to help if they need it
- Waverly Site
 - Resolutions regarding the Waverly site passed

- Lori negotiated the lease
 - \$12,000/year for 15 years
- Legislature paying \$1 million towards the build out
- Mental Hygiene using \$300,000 from their Opioid Abatement Funding
- Hoping to be completed in the fall of 2024
- Youth ACT Team
 - License approved by OMH
 - Office in Tompkins County
 - Starting with a few initially
 - Angelica Deyo-Cruz will be working closely with the Youth ACT Team
- Commissioner of OASAS
 - Event was well attended
 - Many agencies were present
- Staff
 - Down two people currently
- Tioga/OMH Mental Health School Grant
 - Brief history reviewed
 - Talks continue with all involved parties
- Budget
 - Budget is looking great at this time
- Mobile Crisis Team
 - Funding received
 - Plan sent to the state
 - Still waiting for approval
 - Meeting scheduled for April 4th, 2024
 - Would be a great addition to the TAM team

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – John Bezirganian

Discussion: Updates

- Non-Profit Organizations
 - ADS in Tompkins County shutting down & disbanding
 - Program is no longer sustainable
 - Hea Hea
 - Obtained a 1-year license from OMH
 - Needed in order to submit billing to insurance companies
 - Lori stated they should be in a good position going forward
 - They continue to look for any available grants
 - Lori is assisting as well
 - Discussion ensued regarding Non-Profit sustainability
- Subcommittee Highlights
 - MH Subcommittee
 - Articles discussed
 - ASA Subcommittee
 - OD Maps
 - Christina Olevano's departure
 - Kylie Holochak will be the new Chair

- OPWDD Subcommittee
 - Presentation by Kathy Nichols-Newell from the Owego Kiwanis Club
 - More service evaluations being conducted

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates

- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
 - April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, Crime Victims Awareness month
 - A lot of events scheduled in April
 - Smash Brothers
 - CAC Open House /Carnival
 - Grants and Stop-Gap funding discussed
- Pat Gillule
 - Summer Camp registrations higher than before
 - 105 campers & 42 family campers
 - Approximately 10 spots left
 - Organization seeking to assist with un-homed individuals
 - Porshea shared:
 - Open Door Mission Dorm is open for men
 - Sending people to shelters, DSS, churches & Catholic Charities
 - Veterans directed to Mike Middaugh in Veteran Services first
 - Meals & Food
 - Catholic Charities providing warm meals
 - Open Door Mission providing boxed food
 - Presbyterian Church wants to get involved
 - Porshea asked they contact her
 - Pastor Sharan in Waverly assisting as well
 - Pat noted that coordination of resources would be very helpful
 - Housing remains a huge issue
- RSS – Eric Mastrogiovanni
 - RSS is the lead team for the SOS Grant
 - Tim Lockwood will be the lead from Catholic Charities
 - Grant explained
 - Outreach to the homeless
- Shawn Nalepa
 - Interested in input regarding the MAT Program outside of the jail
 - It is unclear how many released individuals come to the clinic
 - State prison has more people coming to the clinic to continue with medication
 - Shawn is trying to educate people on the MAT Program
 - Approximately 80 individuals participating in MAT at the Broome County Jail
 - Tioga County has 10-15 individuals

- Doing a lot more peer intervention in Broome County
 - Mental Health for employees as well
 - 2-hour in-service for each officer per year
 - Removing the stigma
 - People are starting to buy in
- Coroner – Bob Williams
 - Possible overdose death on 3/19/24
 - Waiting for the toxicology report
 - Conference
 - NYS Sutor Project
 - 1st Quarter 2023
 - Reviewing death certificates
 - Building data base
 - Department of Health to pay county coroner’s statewide to do the reporting
 - Grant thru the CDC for the project
 - 39 counties currently on board
- EMS – Bob Williams
 - TAM Project
 - Regional meeting in Oneida County
 - 8 counties represented
 - 4 counties handling cases
 - 2-hour meeting on April 18th, 2024, at Public Safety
 - State TAM people & Squad 9 attending
 - First hour – training
 - Second hour – tabletop discussion – hearing a case
 - Agency representation requested
 - Sheriff’s Department & Probation sending people
 - Reaching out to the schools as well
 - State offering training May 21 – 23
 - Can attend 1 day and pick up the other 2 or attend all 3
 - Want as many disciplines there as possible including faith based
 - DA participating as well
 - Grants will be renewed (\$172,000)
 - RFP put in for the App for reporting
 - EMS – See Something, Say Something
 - Threat Assessment Management
 - 2-hour overview of the TAM Project next week
 - Discuss concepts and how it’s supposed to work
 - Looking for a Deputy Director for EMS

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:54am. There will not be a meeting in April. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th, 2024, at 9:30am.

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