

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

November 16th, 2023

APPROVED

Via Hybrid

Member John Bezirganian, MD
Attendance: Larissa Brower
Pat Gillule
Shawn Nalepa
Porshea Moore

Guests:

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

Meeting called to order at 9:35am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from October 2023

Discussion: No Quorum

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Commissioner of OASAS
 - Hubbard Auditorium – 56 Main St. Owego
 - December 6th, 2023, from 10:00am-12:00n
 - Listening Tour
 - Surrounding counties invited
 - Marte Sauerbrey will do Introductions
 - Lori Morgan to MC
- November Resolution Highlights
 - Permission granted to sign contract with Fairview for Dr. Webster & Patricia Zalewski-Gibson, NP
 - All other contracted employees transitioned to county
 - Resolution approved to hire MH Corporate Compliance Officer (non-union) at a higher rate
 - Permission granted to apply for the NY Loan Repayment Program
 - Lori is preferring to give the money at the end of the employment time requirement .
 - Process explained
 - Resolution to reallocate funds to pay Criminal Psych bill
 - Current line is exhausted
 - Funds from vacancies used

- Staffing
 - Two individuals starting Monday, 11/20/23
 - CSW for the Clinic
 - School based clinician for Tioga Central
 - One individual starting Monday, 12/4/23i
 - CSW for Clinic
- Waverly Site
 - Bid from the Hunt Agency came in substantially higher than anticipated
 - Gary Hammond, Commissioner of Public Works bidding out to see what comes back
 - Mayor of Waverly has been notified
 - May need to renegotiate expenses
- Hea Hea
 - Lori is helping them to re-boot their program
 - Not currently contracted with payment sources
 - Have new staff
 - Expecting an OMH audit at the end of the month
 - Lori will be there for that
 - Regs do not clarify what is expected for Partial Hospitalization
- Porshea presented to the Legislature at work session
 - Homeless population discussed
 - What help is needed
 - Substance Use being seen
 - Shelter needed
 - Would be great to have OASAS housing in Tioga County
 - Lori said Porshea did an outstanding job
- Getting the SOS Grant
 - RSS applied for the beds that go with this grant

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – John Bezirgianian

Discussion: Updates

- Ithaca Times Article – Public Domain
 - Tyler Rodkey died in prison of a Fentanyl overdose
 - Interesting read
- Subcommittee Updates
 - MH Subcommittee discussed articles for Pennysaver
 - ASA Subcommittee
 - Discussion on OD Maps
 - Health Department & Partners in Addiction
 - Texting alerts explained
 - Lori asked for clarification on what was being sent
 - Concerned with confidentiality in smaller areas
 - Talked about a Regional approach
 - Not hearing a lot about overdoses – thinking public access to Narcan is making a difference

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates

- Camp Badger - Pat Gilulle
 - Accepting campers with intellectual & mental health disabilities
 - Ages 6-60
 - Family Camp Pilot for adults & children
 - 3 days/2nights for family units to come and camp

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:28am. There will not be a December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18th, 2024, at 9:30am.