

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

September 21st, 2023

APPROVED

Via Hybrid

Member John Bezirganian, MD
Attendance: Fran Bialy
Larissa Brower
William Standing, III
Pat Gillule
Bob Williams

Guests:

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

Meeting called to order at 9:39am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from June 2023

Discussion: Approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Helio Contract
 - Ending 12/31/23
 - Searching for an alternative contractor
 - Rough raft sent to the County Attorney
 - CCSI will be approached
 - All other contracted employees transitioning to county employees
- Mobil Crisis Program
 - Awarded \$600,000 over two years or \$75,000 per quarter
 - One payment received so far
 - Funds for Mobil Crisis capacity development
 - Lori asked for staff feedback
 - Will not be a 24/7 program - 9a-5p to start with
 - Looking for two additional vehicles and two more staff
 - Costly program but services billable
 - Program must be sustainable in two years
 - Plan will be brought before the board once it is developed
 - Lori has received some feedback from other counties on how they run their program

- Staffing
 - Billing Specialist promoted to Accounting Supervisor
 - Kate Fisher will be doing some training with Chris Korba
 - Three individuals are coming on board
- Waverly
 - Meeting on 9/28/23 between Hunt Engineering, Gary Hammond, Mayor of Waverly, and Lori for final touches to the plan/proposal
 - County paid for the development of the plan
 - Goal is to have a 20-year agreement
- Vehicles ordered for OASAS funding
- Co-applicants with Trinity for STOP ACT, CARA & DFC grants
 - \$1 million over 10 years or \$125,000 per year
 - Annual applications for STOP ACT & CARA grants
- No news on the Opioid Settlement money
 - County does not know the amount allotted for Tioga County
 - Restricted and unrestricted funds
 - May have to do an RFP
 - Committee to be developed to discuss where the funding will go
 - Some will go directly to the department
 - \$300,000 received at the beginning of 2023
 - Tentative expenditure plan sent to OASAS
- MAT Program
 - Renewal coming up
 - Contracted with Trinity to provide services
 - Jail pharmacy contract is coming up again
 - Peter DeWind is creating an RFP
- Criminal Psych
 - 508 done by the jail without notifying Lori
 - Lori learned of it after a Criminal Psych bill was received
 - Conversation with Jail to ensure Lori is notified in the future

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – John Bezirganian

Discussion: Updates

- Porshea Moore out of town on a family emergency
- Specific hiring incentives discussed
 - Recruiting & retention is extremely difficult county wide
 - County opened the opportunity to hire permitted workers
 - CSEA contract is up next year
- Subcommittee Updates
 - MH Subcommittee did not meet
 - ASA Subcommittee
 - Lori discussed various grants
 - Captain Yaeger has agreed to take Shawn Nalepa’s place representing law enforcement
 - OPWDD Subcommittee
 - State doing a study on the Care Coordination programs effectiveness
 - Results will be interesting

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: TAM Updates – Bob Williams

- Core group meeting with the State
 - New consultant group from Rochester area
 - Met with on 9/18/23
 - Proposals sent to the group
 - Consultant to provide trainings
 - Update due in July
 - Bob sending out information on trainings offered by the State
 - Information Fran provided will be sent to the new consultants

EMS Updates – Bob Williams

- Study to appoint new EMS Coordinator
- More hours approved for Curtis Hammond (Director, Candor EMS)
- 10 new EMTs
 - New Class starting in January
 - Classes held Monday & Thursdays 6:30-9:00pm, Saturdays all day (skills portion)
 - Regular Squad Captains meetings started
 - Letter of Collaboration being developed
 - Letter to be shared with Legislature

Coroner Update – Bob Williams

- Two recent overdose deaths
 - June – Waverly – Cocaine
 - July – Candor – Fentanyl & Cocaine
 - Both deaths added to OD Mapping
- Stu Bennett is out currently due to health reasons

RSS – Larissa Brower

- Applied for a SOSCTI Grant (Homeless Case Coordinator)
 - Applied with Catholic Charities, Tomkins, Tioga & Cortland counties together
 - Program to have Care Managers, Licensed Social Workers & Peers

A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy

- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 - Fran to email list of activities

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:36am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19th, at 9:30am.

