

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

May 18th, 2023

Pending Approval

Via Hybrid

Member John Bezirganian, MD
Attendance: Shawn Nalepa
Fran Bialy
Carolyn Galatzan
Larissa Brower
William Standing, III

Guests: Peter DeWind, County Attorney

Mental Hygiene Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services
Amy Joyce, MH Intern
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Meeting called to order at 9:40am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from March 2023 & April 2023

Discussion: Both approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Corporate Compliance
 - Policies require board approval
 - Peter DeWind reviewing de-escalation
 - Bonadio constructed the policies for personalization
 - Board reviewed the Standards of Conduct
 - Compliance plan, oversight, education, auditing, and response to issues reviewed
 - Policies discussed in detail
 1. Antikickback
 - Bonadio Packet needs to reflect County policy
 - \$75 per person per fiscal year
 - No gifts or swag
 2. Billing errors, overpayments, and self-disclosure
 3. Conflict of Interest & Financial Disclosure
 - Includes Union Employees
 - Per Peter, use same form for union/non-union
 - Swap out Bonadio form with county including ethical concerns

- Per Peter & Lori, county financial disclosure forms to be used
 - Pre-condition of employment
 - Peter to address any union push back
 - Secretary to DCS to keep track of the annual agreement and send information to staff
4. Education & Training
 5. Discipline & Reinforcement
 6. Exclusion & Sanction Screening
 - Confirm ability to bill Medicaid (OMIG)
 7. False claims & whistleblower
 8. Development & Maintenance
 9. Investigation of concerns by Compliance Officer
 10. Response to government investigation
 11. Roles & responsibilities of the committee
 12. Search warrants - involving legal for documents & requests
 13. Subpoenas
 14. Travel & expense reimbursement
 - Adding county language
 15. Whistleblower & retaliation
 - All documents will also be available online as in hard copy
 - Motion by Shawn Nalepa to approve, seconded by William Standing, III
 - Policies approved unanimously
 - Corporate Compliance training/testing will be completed annually by all
 - Wendy Arnold is the Corporate Compliance Officer and will review the annual training with the board
- RPF State Competitive Grant
 - Youth ACT services for Tompkins & Tioga Counties combined & RSS
 - Lori wrote letters of support with a 48-slot option
 - A location needed to house Youth ACT team
 - Lori feels this would be a huge benefit to the county
 - County Plan
 - Identical to last year's plan
 - Focusing on the big picture
 - Lori is changing inpatient to yes for OMH & OPWDD
 - Need for crisis system for OPWDD
 - Cross training specific staff
 - Workforce retention
 - Housing crisis
 - School Based Social Workers
 - Waverly and Tioga Central are each requesting 1 full time social worker
 - Each school will be sharing a portion of the cost
 - Candidates being sought
 - Owego Clinic
 - Vacant Veteran's office being converted into the clinics office space
 - A sink is being installed in the Nurse Practitioner's exam room
 - Spring CLMHD Conference
 - Lori & Sarah attended
 - County plans taken into consideration
 - Transportation being worked on at the state level

- Cab companies being utilized in the county
- Presentation on Psychedelics and SI
 - Positive use for mental health
 - Ketamine and benefits to mental health
 - Dr. Bezirgian explained how it improves the feeling of helplessness in the moment.
 - Improves the function of the brain
 - Arnot Psychiatry currently uses
 - Risk is low
- Question regarding the status of HeaHea -eating disorder clinic
 - Currently seeking staff
- New County Cars
 - Mental Hygiene getting two new cars next year
- Staffing
 - Dr. Bezirgian is seeing high risk clients weekly
 - All others biweekly
 - Large change in intake
 - New senior social worker improving the intake process and is doing a great job
 - Experiencing more turnover while seeing a large increase in demand for services
 - County is looking into new ways to hire and improve retention

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: New Business – John Bezirgian

Discussion: Board Member Discussion

- Two applications received and reviewed
- Board voted and approved both for membership

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15th, 2023, at 9:30am.

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