

Community Services Board Meeting
Minutes of December 19, 2018

Present: Brian Hart, Joseph Cevette, Lori Murphy, David Andreine, Jennifer Emery, Rosemary Anthony, Ellen Topping

Excused: Leisa Alger, Amy Jones, Pam Overdurf

Absent: Dr. John Alves, Michelle Johnson, Rene Snyder, Alan Yeck, Dr. Michelle Pavilard

Note: No Quorum for voting purposes

Minutes:

Approved without changes:

Sub-Committee Reports

- **Nominating** – Brian reported:
 - a. **CSB Nominees-** being that Pam's second term expires this month and Melanie resign in October we need two nominees. Brian has recommended two individuals, but in the future, the board really needs to take this role on more actively. Suggestions were made for a phone conference on off months when needed and/or a brief 15m minute meeting prior to the board meeting.

The two candidates being nominated are Sean Eagen, CEO of ARC of Chemung, and Heather Hargraves from Arbor Development. All six board members present were in favor of these two nominees, however, that does not constitute a quorum. Therefore, it was recommended that Brian not wait until the February meeting, but e-mail a request for an urgent vote so that these can be submitted to the county administration as soon as possible. With the voting by e-mail, there was one abstention, one vacancy, and 13 votes in favor of both nominees as recommended.

Brian also reminded the board that new officers are needed, and suggested that others take a turn in office, as they are one year terms. We also need individuals to chair the respective committees. Being that Pam had chair the DD committee, it was asked if her replacement would take that duty on, but it was premature to assume that. It was recommended that the decision about officers and committee chairs be postponed until the February meeting.

- **Mental Health-** Brian reported:
 - a. **Suicide prevention:** Shannon had spent the majority of the time discussing the suicide prevention committee's proposed 2019 budget, and recommended that it be forwarded for approval to the CSB with the understanding as had been the practice historically, that the line items for food and t-shirts would grow based on registration, and there would not be a need to return for further approval. Without a quorum, this was also added to the e-mail vote along with an attached copy of the proposed budget. The vote was unanimous in favor of approving the budget as recommended.
 - b. **BBM:** The Community Foundation has approved a grant for \$10,300 to train 5 staff in the Horseheads School District to become Level II trainers that will allow those staff to be able to train all other staff to the level of teaching students coherent breathing and basic movement techniques for self-regulatory purposes.
 - c. **Geriatric Nurse Practitioner changes:** The OMH Field Office has forwarded the county's proposal for adult crisis respite known as BREATH for approval by Central Office. This proposal includes an extension of crisis of up to 4 hours of onsite staffing from a Crisis Specialist and/or Peer Specialists as well as the use of an Arbor Development staffed apartment.

- **Substance Abuse:** Brian Reported:
 - a. **Recovery Schools** – The group got back together and are moving forward with slight changes. Instead of locating the program at CC in Elmira, they will be locating it at BOCES due to transportation issues. Trinity will be visiting the site in the next few weeks and submitting a CON for a satellite location. BOCES will continue the discussions with the school districts for their support with hopes of opening the program in September of 2019.
 - b. **Jail based services update:** The 3.7 million approved in the NYS budget to be used in select counties didn't move, and is now at a standstill as the governor's Office would like it spread across all NYS counties. In response the Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors has put together a proposal based on average daily census in the jail to distribute the 3.7 in 2019, with proposed growth over the following two years. If approved, Chemung would receive approximately \$70,000 in 2019.
 - c. **Narcan use update:** Year to date there have been 92 overdoses and 2 fatalities.
 - d. **Recovery Community Centers:** Brian received a request for a letter of support from Salvation Army for this OASAS initiative, but he declined suggesting that they first meet with local stakeholders as the majority of what is being recommended in the application guidance document are already in existence in Chemung.

- **Development Disability-** Brian reported:
 - a. **Hospital Admission Protocol:** Overall the protocol is working well as Brian is receiving communications from many sources upon admission to local hospitals. As a result, discussions about discharge

planning amongst appropriate stakeholders is happening earlier than later. However, there is an isolated case that has been at the BUS for nearly 100 days, and despite many local and regional efforts, discharge doesn't see eminent. There is a provider in the Buffalo area who turned him down after a paper review, but they are being encouraged by OPWDD to come and meet him in person...

- b. **Administrative change:** The long time Acting Commissioner for OPWDD has accepted a new position, and her replacement should be named soon.
- c. **Care Coordination:** Many problems continue that seem primarily related to the inability in the identified software system to develop the necessary life plans, and therefore the appropriate billing for such is unable to be done. A suggestion was made in the Developmental Disability Committee to invite representative from the respective CCOs to start attending our meetings. David reported that CIDS had received a call from a consumer indicating their displeasure in the fact that they were told by the Care Coordinator that the services they used to receive are no longer available under this new model, which is not the understanding of any of the providers.

➤ **Director's report**

- a. **State aid take back-** Brian that after several years of sending money back to OASAS, the state will be permanently removing nearly \$90,000 in state aid from Trinity's clinic services. While that is all that remains as state aid at this time, we had been successful in previous years of moving state aid from the clinic to prevention almost doubling that program. The clinic continues to have revenues that exceed expenses, thus the reason for the state taking back the aid. The only thing that we need to be careful of, is that the jail based services provided by Trinity don't count towards the Trinity's productivity numbers, so if as an agency they get to a point where productivity is low and need a corrective action plan, we may need to pull the staff person from the jail.
- b. **OMH Discussion of AOM PAR:** NYS OMH has been in discussion with their administration and the county LGU asking for clarification on the Par that was submitted for merger of assets. The initial understanding was that a second PAR would be submitted for the purposes of expanding the Arnot ER, closing St. Joe's ER, but keeping the BSU at St. Joe's. OMH has been asking for clarification of how it will be different from the way it is now, before they comment on the first PAR. ***(IMPORTANT-Subsequent to the meeting it was discovered in a discussion with the hospital administration, and then with OMH central office that a second PAR will not be required, as that will be handled by DOH. Therefore, I was encouraged by OMH to submit my comments in writing, that I had already voiced to the hospital administration) see attached**
- c. **Local Agency Changes:** FLPN has formally changed its agency name to AspireHopeNY, Inc. In addition, Ted Kordela, Executive Director for Family Services has announced that he will be retiring as

early as March of 2019, but no later than December of that same year before he and his wife take a cruise around the globe.

- d. **St. Discharge Directive:** Apparently a document was sent to the discharge staff on the BSU to direct all discharges to their residents in the outpatient private practice office even if connected previously with EPC or Family Services.... Brian has reached out to Mary Vosburgh about this as this is not what he and Johnathan Lawrence had agreed upon when they discussed the healthcare System's desire for a formal clinics it obviously takes away choice, and has a negative impact on community partners.
- e. **HCBS Peer Empowerment:** Brian has been going back and forth with the OMH field office for several months about this service. Statewide it is the most requested service, and the least available, as it is hard to find certified peers to begin with due to the extensive training that have to go through, and the fact that they, like other new staff, have to attest to the locations they have lived in for the last 28 years. None the less, OMH has been micro-managing this process, trying to add Pathways as a provider in Chemung, then telling us we don't need them. Then, just two weeks later, inviting them to become a provider of the service in Chemung yet again. This is based on a misunderstanding that Family Services didn't have a peer.

While this is somewhat true, Family Services had a peer going through the process and was keeping the field office informed, but the field office was asking about how many people were requesting the Peer Empowerment Services, nor if they were being served. Then just before Thanksgiving, the field office sent Brian and email indicating they were adding Pathways and Catholic Charities for this service due to the demand for such, and the lack of peer services at Family Services. This email was done after several calls in which we all agreed that no decisions would be made without consulting the county, and they had no clue that there only seven referral, and while Family Services couldn't bill for the services yet, the seven individuals had all been met with several times.

🕒 **The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2019 at 1:00.**