

## Community Services Board Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2019

Present:, Leisa Alger, Joe Cevette, Jennifer Emery, Ellen Topping, Heather Hargraves, Rene Snyder, Michelle Pavillard, , Lori Murphy, Brian Hart Alan Yeck, Sean Eagan, Tara Fethers

Absent: Rosemary Anthony, Joe Cevette, Michelle Johnson

Excused: David Andreine

Guests: Randy Parker, Major Dorie Haggerty

Meeting called to order by Brian as no officers were present. Minutes approved without changes.

### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

➤ **Nomination Committee-** Jennifer

Nothing to report

➤ **Mental Health Committee-**

Deferred to Director's report

➤ **Substance Abuse-**

Deferred to Director's report

➤ **Developmental Disability-**

Deferred to Director's report

➤ **Director's Report**

1. **ESSHI Proposal Presentation:** Randy Parker and Major Dorie Haggerty from the Salvation Army provided a presentation on an Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) at Brian's urging that had been presented earlier in the day to the substance abuse committee and recommended to be put forth to the Community Services Board.

Randy indicated that The Salvation Army had received conditional approval of ESSHI funding for up to \$25,000 per bed for a 6 story building. This facility would be constructed on their existing main offices. The first floor would have co-located space of an Emergency Shelter and the food pantry amongst some of their other typical offices, but the Emergency Shelter would have a separate entrance and its own security system. The 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> floor would have 21 beds devoted to affordable supported housing, 16 additional

supported housing beds for individuals with substance abuse needs and 5 additional beds for adult males between the ages of 18-25. All of the beds would be for individuals that are homeless. They had previously met with the Continuum of Care committee to determine the need supporting these. Randy distributed Architectural drawing of the proposal. (see attachments).

Brian pointed out that there seems to be a disconnect between the COC and this board as he reach out to Chuck Nocera to make sure we weren't duplicating their efforts, and chuck indicated that they don't have a specific plan for the county, but had approved the substance abuse housing beds based on their HMIS data base. He invited Brian to join a discussion with the COC board, and that proved to be very helpful in discussing future opportunities for joint discussions. The COC was not aware that this ESSHI project included an emergency shelter.

Question was asked about what happens after the five year commitment of ESSHI funds? Randy indicated they hope to convert the beds to affordable housing, but Rene indicated that with her ESSHI project, it was her understanding from the state that the funds continue. Sean questioned if there is enough need for these 16 beds, and Brian indicated that based on the fact that we don't have any regionally, and that the affordable housing stock is poor, we would have to say, yes, absolutely.

All individuals in the non-emergency shelter beds must be homeless, meet housing 1<sup>st</sup> criteria and for the substance abuse beds, have successfully completed inpatient treatment.

Brian clarified that this board only had the ability to vote on the substance abuse beds. With that said, Rene made a motion to approve that portion of the proposal. It was seconded by Alan. Allan favor, with no objections or abstentions, however, Jennifer had to leave before the vote.

2. **Trinity proposal:** Brian discussed a proposal on behalf of trinity as their CEO, Ann Domingos was unable to attend. CASA of Livingston (dba Trinity of Chemung) is interested in pursuing an RFP issued by OASAS for the Capital Development and Operation of Part 822 Opioid treatment Programs that is due to be submitted by September 12<sup>th</sup>. They would like to relocate their clinic offices to a building next to the Dandy Mini Mart on the corner of Judson Street and E. Church Street in Elmira, NY. The Clinic would have 100 Methadone slots. While this type of service has been talked about regional many times it has been hard to establish a factual need as they struggle to obtain numbers from the doctors. If this is going to be regional then they need to have a discussion with the directors in Steuben and Tioga Counties. Trinity needs to get clarification because the clinics are only getting 1 year licenses, but the RFP states they should have a 2 year certification.

Question was raised about parking, but Brian indicated that with both the vacant lot next to it, and behind the building, this should not be a problem. Typically, siting of methadone

services can be an issue, but based on the public knowledge about the opioid epidemic, and the fact that this is not in a highly residential area, this may not be a huge issue.

Leisa made a motion to approve this proposal. Seconded by Lori. All in favor with no objections or abstentions, but Jennifer was not present at the time of the vote.

3. **AIM Proposal update:** Rene updated the committee that this 15 bed rehab project has 9 beds ready to go with 5 ready to move in. An important clarification from last time is that we do have local influence over the 3 developmental disability beds, and Rene believes two of the 5 ready to go are in fact going to these individuals.
  
4. **ARC Proposal:** They are changing their (Chemung County) workshop license to a site based pre-voc. They are in the process doing the conversion of the license – one to close and one to open. They will also be working on Schuyler County as well.
  
5. **Other Committee summaries:** Based on time Brian offered to summarize the pertinent issues from the morning sub-committee meetings:
  - A. In the Developmental Disability Committee we discussed both a need to remind agencies that when someone with they serve is sent to the ER for a non-medical related issue to please alert Brian's office to help start the collaborative discharge planning process. In addition, Brian is asking that if agencies are considering out of county placements that he receive a call ahead of time to have a joint discussion to make sure that we are collectively asking all the right questions about the individual and the supports they may need when being served in the community.
  
  - B. A Safe TALK training will be held September 13, 2019 here at the DSS/HRC Building 1:00pm to 4:00pm in room 322. If you are interested please make sure you register with Shannon prior to the training. Brian passed out registration forms. If anyone is interested in hosting a Safe TALK training (open or closed) at a particular location please contact Shannon.
  
  - C. The Power of One – Walk for Suicide Prevention – will be held at the Bath VA Medical Center on September 12, 2019 10:30am to 2:30pm. This is not restricted to veterans, and is open to the public. Shannon will be setting up a booth to share suicide prevention resources. Brian passed out the flyer with the information.
  
  - D. A Youth Mental Health First Aid training will be held August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> here at the DSS/HRC Building 8:30am to 12:30pm in room 322. If you are interested please make sure you register with Shannon prior to the training. Brian passed out the flyer with the information.

**Next meeting- October 16, 2019**