

## Community Services Board Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2019

Present: David Andreine, Leisa Alger, Joe Cevette, Jennifer Emery, Ellen Topping, Heather Hargraves, Michelle Johnson, Rene Snyder, Michelle Pavillard, Rosemary Anthony, Lori Murphy, Brian Hart

Absent: Alan Yeck

Excused: Sean Eagan, Tara Fethers

Meeting called to order by David. Minutes approved without changes.

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

#### ➤ **Nomination Committee-** Jennifer

1. Jennifer Recommended Dr. Mihai Dascalu who works at the Elmira Psychiatric Center and also is in charge of the Arnot healthcare System's Psychiatric residency program. He has worked in the community for several years and is well respected. Lori made a motion to nominate Dr. Dascalu to replace Dr. Alves whose term will end December 31, of 2021. Motion was seconded by Joe. All voted in favor with no objections or abstentions.

#### ➤ **Mental Health Committee-** Lori:

1. **Suicide Prevention:** Reviewed that the Suicide Prevention Coordinator had reported there was a recent presentation held by the Police Benevolent Association focused on PTSD for law enforcement and their loved ones. It was well attended. The message was not only poignant in that PTSD is a given, and you should seek assistance, it but seemed well received.
2. **No Meeting in July:** Brian will be out of town at a conference, so the committee is opting not to meet.
3. **C-SPOA:** OMH leadership had recently clarified that direct referrals CAN be made to health home care management agencies. EPC is able to fill an adult health Home Care management position serving ages 18-21 as well.
4. **LaFrance Project:** Catholic Charities in conjunction with Providence Housing will be developing a 37 bed housing project next to Miller Manor that will have staff on site from Catholic Charities and Trinity.

#### ➤ **Substance Abuse-** Jennifer:

1. **Shatterproof:** OASAS is in the process of evaluating how to roll out a program statewide called Shatterproof, and is looking for anyone interested to join an advisory group to look at this program. It was designed to evaluate and rate licensed providers.
2. **PAX-Good Behavior Game:** The OASAS Prevention Division is suggesting that this particular program be given strong consideration for a prevention in the schools. Trinity is going to start doing it in Tioga County, but the Teachers administer the program.

3. **Dual Recovery:** OASAS administration had recently indicated support to Brian for moving forward with having individuals from the BSU and New Dawn attending a joint dual recovery group of site of either unit. Some concern was expressed that perhaps Dr. O from the BSU is not supportive. Brian had shared that Mary Vosburg will follow-up with OASAS.
4. **NYSE-CON:** In 2020 the Certificate of Need process for adding new services or closing existing services is intended to go online for OASAS through a DOH system called YE-CON. The language in the system will be slightly different, but one of the concerns, is that if it is similar to the MHPD system used by OMH, then only the LBU where the physical location of the facility is located will be able to comment, which is not consistent with the regulations for a regional CON process.
5. **In Home Services Proposals:** OASAS has received two proposals to provide in home services. The first of which is a 52 week program including individual, group and drug testing. The second program is a digital program following an initial visit. This includes a digital drug test, which raises many questions, and many wondered if these are approved, if this will be extended to existing licensed providers.

➤ **Developmental Disability-** Leisa

1. **CFCO:** Community First Choice Option (CFCO) will be delayed until the first of the year as rates aren't set, and many of the processes for the local Department of Social Services to be prepared to front the money and facilitating the process in conjunction with Managed Care Companies have not been established.
2. **Acting Commissioner:** Several of the Committee members have had the opportunity to hear from Acting Commissioner Dr. Theodor Kastner. It is refreshing to have leadership with a deliberate message. We hope that he stays, but also recognize that he lack some flexibility at times.
3. **Cross System Discussion:** Brian had recently attended a meeting in Sayre where they had described the infrastructure in PA. For addressing co-occurring mental health and developmental disabilities. The committee agreed that it will be worthwhile to visit their program to gain more information.
4. **Presence Counseling Services:** Spent considerable amount of time discussing how this regional private practice model is marketing itself under the regulations as a IPSIDD that directly competes with Article 16 clinics that are already underutilized. Brian will be following up with DDSO.

➤ **Director's Report**

1. **CEO changes:** Dave Schapiro has joined Family Services of Chemung. Joe Cevette will be taking over next month at Pathways. Dave Putney has taken over at the Elmira Psychiatric Center, and \*Julie Schneider (different name than stated during the meeting as a permanent decision has been made).
2. **DCS Positon:** As part of the legislative process to appoint Brian into a merged position inclusive of Social services referred to as the Commissioners of Human Services, the

Legislature reviewed the County charter. Part 41.09 of Mental Hygiene law that state “may” be decision making body, but in reviewing the language in the county charter the county attorney noted that the CSB was defined as a decision making body despite us not having any direct services to make decisions about. None the less, we have always voted by consensus.

3. **Pick up orders:** many years ago the former Crisis Coordinator had created a triplicate form for providing additional information to the hospitals, but Brian had determined it wasn’t cost effective nor necessary to continue it. Recently it was brought to his attention that law enforcement at least was continuing to use it as a pick up order instead of the OMH pick order forms, and the hospitals were in fact expecting it. He asked for that to stop, and that all parties use the official pick up order form at a minimum. The other form could be used for additional information, or a verbal report could be provided to the triage staff in the ER.

➤ **Other:**

1. **Recovery Schools:** Rosemary reported that Elaine Corwin from CCC and some of their students have continued the discussion with OASAS about potentially bringing a recovery school model with high school and college students on the CC campus. The discussion was very promising.
2. **Housing:** Rene announced that while a project had been stalled previously Aim was happy that a project was back on track with ESHHI funding. It will serve 28 28 homeless individuals and be located on the Southside of Elmira with the award needing to be signed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Three of these individuals will be developmentally disabled and will be chosen by Central Office with no input locally. This is the first that the CSB and Brian heard of this and was not received well. **Action Item: Rene to arrange call with Central office, the DDSO and Brian ASAP.**

**Next meeting- August 21, 2019**