

**Substance Abuse Committee**  
**July 18, 2018**

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**Present:** Brian Hart, Joel Yager, Erin Doyle, Lisa Willson, Glenn Jarvis,

**Excused:** Jennifer Emery, Linda Waite

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**Minutes:**

Approved without changes

**Director of Community Services Report – Brian Hart**

- **Update on Recovery School:** Brian Hart and Joel Yager attended a meeting with Corning Community College and the Superintendent of GST BOCES to discuss this program. BOCES needs to be involved because of the educational stand point. Homes schools for these children would pay for each student attending the Recovery School. Both CCC and BOCES were very positive about moving forward. This is something that the Governor wants to happen. It would first start out as a Day Program where the children come and go, and then look into potentially expanding into the residential program. They are looking at CCC's Madison Avenue site, as there is no space available at the BOCES campuses or the Main CCC Campus. They are looking at expanding the individuals/discussion involved in these meetings in order to have more opportunities. Booth School has space available, but then we are looking at rental costs, unless ECSD would like to In-kind. The Recovery Program would be onsite and available for the children in high school who have addiction issues. They will be focusing on four tracks: One to receive a GED, Two to receive a normal high school diploma, three to graduate and have a focus on a trade, and four to graduate and have some college credits. Brian Hart has floated this to OASAS they are not opposed. This is not an official pilot. The educational piece would be paid for by the home schools and the funding for treatment would be paid for by billing health insurance for clinical services. So far everything sounds positive, and there has not been any resistance. Brian Hart needs to get the numbers: He knows that there are 15 solid children in need of this program, as that is the average number being served at the Trinity clinic. There are a lot more children in need in this target population. BOCES Superintendent stated that there are at least 50 students within the five counties that they serve. They think it will go beyond that number. If this program is successful, then they would eventually add on the Residential Program. This program will be a collaborative effort with everyone. On the clinic side, there have been a lot of counselors stepping up and wanting to be a part of this program.
  
- **County Crisis Plan:** For the past 25 years Chemung County has had a mobile crisis team, and they have been closely linked with law enforcement. They have had good results in their numbers. They take about 750 calls a year and 50% of these are phone calls only. The other 50% are face to face, with about 17% of the individuals going to the ER. There are no stats on what law

enforcement have encountered. The Crisis Team has a well-developed policy and procedure manual. OMH wanted all the Counties to submit a Crisis Plan, so Brian Hart submitted the information we have on our own Crisis Team what we have had for the past 25 years. In March OMH sent Brian a short list of questions, in which he sent a three page response in April. This week he received more questions about Chemung Counties Plan. They wanted to know the response time of the Crisis Team. The standard from OMH is that they need to respond within two hours. Chemung Counties Plan states that they will respond within a ½ hour.

- **SARA Committee Involvement:** The Social Determinants Committee is struggling. This committee's main focus is on housing. The committee is going to get together for a meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup> 2018. The Access Committee is working on inpatient services. When a person is in need for inpatient services they need to have access to it as soon as possible. They are sending some into inpatient care who haven't exhausted all the outpatient services. They need to figure out if the person meets the need, and if so they will need immediate access. With the Value Based Payment coming, you will need to make a strong case that they need to be there. We need to stabilize each individual; inpatient is not a homeless shelter.
- **Local Plan Efforts Moving Forward:** Brian stated there was not enough time to discuss this, and he will add it the August agenda.

### **Sharing by Community Members**

- **SafeTALK Training** – it will be held on Thursday September 13, 2018 at 1:00pm to 4:00pm in this building (DSS) in room 322. If you are interested, please sign up with Shannon Oakes.
- **Trinity** – The Walk to Recovery will be held at Eldridge- Park on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> 2018. There will also be a booth at the iMatter Festival Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup> 2018. Also an Overdose Awareness gathering will be held on Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2018.**