

MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Minutes March 20, 2019

CSB Members Present: Virginia Whitford, Rick Kinsella, Denise Cavanaugh, Sherry Buglione and Brian McKee

CSB Members Excused: n/a

Absent: John Pinard

Staff Members: Teisha Cook

Other (In-Room): Chris Evans, The Arc of Madison Cortland, Lisa Hoeschele – Family Counseling Services , Thomas Davis - OASAS, Kelly Dorman & Mary vanLieshout - PROS Clinic, Carl Coyle - Liberty Resources

Others (via conference call): n/a

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Virginia Whitford. Virginia welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Correspondence

Chairperson

- Virginia announced that Don Moore has resigned from the Community Services Board. He is in the process of running for a local political office.
- Andy Ali completed his 2nd term on the Community Services Board effective December 31, 2018.
- Board Vacancies & Election of officers - Our By-Laws state that the Community Services Board shall not consist of more than nine members. At this time, we have six members. We do not have any applications at this time. Teisha and Rick offered to lead the recruitment process for CSB members. If you know of someone who may be interested in applying, please let Teisha know. We would like to have potential candidates for our May meeting.
- Election of officers - Virginia offered to lead the nominating committee & present a slate of officers at our May meeting.

Liberty Resources Proposal

- Carl Coyle, Executive Director for Liberty Resources outlined the proposal. Using potential OASAS funding they would like to build a 5000 square foot two story building, adjacent to their 218 location in Oneida. They would be adding a substance abuse license to the Oneida Clinic. This would be certified similarly to their Article 31, 32 & 28 clinics in Syracuse. They would like to increase services in communities they are currently working in to provide mental health, substance abuse & primary care services. Mental

Health staff would expand by 2-4 clinicians, they currently have three clinicians. This will also assist with the opioid epidemic by having additional services available. Thomas Davis noted that OASAS depends on the locality to let them know what the needs are. Monies are in demand and OASAS wants to ensure this funding goes where it is needed. Mr. Coyle explained that there has been significant success with integrated care.

Rick discussed that providing smoking cessation for pregnant women would be wonderful sub-specialty for primary care to offer. Statistics show that 40% of smokers are dependent on other substances. Early intervention services was also discussed, Liberty Resources already provides this service. During this discussion, it was also noted that it is currently difficult to recruit care managers, CASAC's, nurses and nurse practitioners in this area.

This proposal will not be a financial risk to the County and Liberty Resources is not seeking local assistance.

This proposal will not move forward until Liberty Resources receives a recommendation from the Local Government Unit.

Director Report & Clinic Report

- Teisha announced that a Local Plan work meeting is scheduled for April 17th from 2-4 p.m. in the Public Health Conference Room. A notice will go out to people regarding this meeting. We will also be completing a survey to assist with planning needs and to obtain a regional outlook.
- Group Zone - We will most likely be discontinuing use of Group Zone. It is not being utilized very often and we have been experiencing some problems with it as well.
- Mobile Crisis Statistics for 2018 - Liberty Resources provides mobile crisis services in Madison County. This service is available Monday-Friday 5:00 p.m. to midnight and weekends and holidays 6:00 a.m. - midnight. Law enforcement and clinicians have a direct number to reach mobile crisis staff. Community members call the Mental Health Department crisis line and crisis line staff contact mobile crisis if warranted. Cases are reviewed at the monthly CIT meetings. Agencies should be notified if mobile crisis receives a call regarding one of their clients. Currently, DSRIP & CNYDPG funding is allocated to provide mobile crisis services. Liberty Resources will receive approval to bill for managed care rate. Central New York Director's Planning Group and state aid will continue to provide funding for these emergency services.
- Jail Services RFP - The County will be issuing RFP to provide substance abuse services in the jail. The Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors has advocated for funding in the state budget for this initiative, and there is currently one year of state aid allocated for jail substance abuse services. It is a joint project with the Sheriff's Department. The contract will be held by the Mental Health Department.
- Clinic Updates - In the last year, we have had staff retire, new staff hired and promotions at the Clinic. Supervisory positions have been restructured.

Venture House and supportive housing slots are now coming through the Mental Health Department for approval. Supportive employment slots for The Arc of Madison Cortland and Liberty Resources are also coming through the Mental Health Department. This provides better access for consumers and allows us to monitor capacity and be involved.

- The new electronic medical record for the Clinic has been implemented and is going well.
- OMH site visit went well.
- Renovations at the Clinic - The reception and waiting room areas will be reconfigured and doors with swipe card access will be installed. There will now be a children's waiting room and regular waiting room. The carpeting will also be replaced. The Building and Grounds Committee will be issuing an RFP for this renovation project.

Meeting Schedule Discussion

- Last year we decided to move to quarterly meetings and this year we will be meeting every other month with the exception of the Local Plan work meeting scheduled for April 17th. Rick noted that it is difficult to carry out the responsibilities of the Community Services Board when we meet every other month. Sherry suggested making a decision regarding the frequency of Community Services Board meetings following the planning meeting in April.

Health & Human Services Committee Communications

- n/a

Agency Reports

- n/a

New Business

- Rick asked the Community Services Board to consider taking a position regarding legalizing marijuana and to communicate this to the Governor's office. Rick offered to draft a letter outlining the Community Services Board's position regarding this issue.

Unfinished Business

- n/a

Executive Session as needed

- Virginia motioned to enter into Executive Session at 4:25 p.m. and Denise seconded this motion. All were in favor. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss a particular corporation. Denise motioned to exit Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. All were in favor.

Adjournment

- Denise motioned to adjourn at 5:02 p.m. All were in favor.

**Next Meeting:
May 15, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
Public Health Conference Room**

Beth Piersall, Recorder