

**Madison County Community Services Board**  
**DD Sub-Committee Minutes**  
**April 6, 2017**

**Attending:**

Tracy Palmer, CSB  
Steve Russell, Liberty Resources  
Lori Zorn, ARISE

Teisha Cook, MHD  
Bob Kohlbrenner, CSB  
Megan Mennig, The Arc of Mad.Cort

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Tracy Palmer.

Bob motioned to accept the January meeting minutes and Lori seconded this motion. All were in favor.

**Topics for discussion:**

**2018 Local Government Plan**

Teisha discussed 2018 Local Government Plan - Please watch for survey monkey regarding the 2018 Plan that will be sent to all of our distribution lists. We will identify 4 or 5 priority issues. The survey is being prepared by the CNY Directors Planning Group. Teisha will review past goals that were identified. The format for the Local Government Plan has changed.

Transportation - Rural Health Network received mobility management grant. They will be hiring a consultant to look at transportation in Madison County. The County is also completing Strategic Planning and Teisha is on the Steering Committee. Transportation has been brought up as an issue at this level as well. Mobile Crisis Services will be available for children in Madison County this summer. Services for adults will start after children's mobile crisis services are established.

Planning for families was completed differently in the past for the Local Government Plan. Families are welcome to complete the survey when it comes out. Teisha discussed that it is an integrated plan now.

Peer support services were identified as a goal in previous plans and we now have this service available.

Medicated assisted treatment was also identified as a goal in the Local Government Plan.

Tracy asked how much time agency staff spends with parents to discuss needs of the child. It depends on what program the child is involved with. At ARISE, if they are receiving MSC services, they spend a great deal of time with the parent and child. Education advocates also spend a lot of time with parents.

Teisha noted that there would be some overlap with the Family Peer Support program through OMH. They would be able to offer support or education.

Direct care issues - Steve reports that staffing is at all time low in their IRA's. There is concern about long term ability to provide services, especially with IRA's. They are short staffed at both their Nelson & Canastota IRA's. The Be Fair to Direct Care Campaign was successful with the direct care workforce receiving 3.25% increase.

Lori noted that ARISE is also struggling. Direct support staff has a difficult job and they are totally responsible for consumers in the community.

Steve noted concern that IRA's will need to be decertified to be sustainable. This is a nationwide concern. They would need to find more independent ways to serve people in the community, in their own home; they would only be paying for support services. Studies show that deinstitutionalization occurred due to the cost. This would eliminate the rate that supports bricks & mortar sites.

ARISE did increase salary for community hab staff and this is now impacting hiring job coaches and respite staff. They recently brought a consultant in to complete an analysis and they are waiting for the results. Lori notes that they can't be without these positions at ARISE.

We will be moving from case management, MSC, to care coordination. The state will be issuing an RFP for Regional Care Coordination Organization.

Teisha explained that with behavioral health, the definition of who may receive care coordination services has been expanded. It is same tiers of people, but some may need just a phone call and others need more service. This may be done with care coordination. When adult services transferred to care coordination services, caseloads increased.

Increased caseloads with DD care coordination is being discussed as well. This is under the Department of Health. It is raising levels of expertise for care coordinators.

Tracy asked how many individuals in this county have extremely high needs. CHOICES portal would have this information and the level of service. DDP2 would also have this information.

OPWDD Letter of Interest - OPWDD is seeking information regarding how agencies will serve children that are aging out of programs or were in placement.

#### **Agency Updates:**

**ARISE** - Over the last year, ARISE has been restructuring the agency. Tanya Anderson is their CEO. ARISE provides services in five counties. If you are aware of other communities that could benefit from ARISE services, please let Lori know. ARISE will offer Farm Camp this summer in Chittenango. Lori offered to participate in meetings regarding transportation in the County.

**The Arc of Madison Cortland** - Megan said there were no updates to report in her department.

**Liberty Resources** - Division of Quality Management completed recent review at the Canastota IRA. Liberty Resources will be offering SCIP-R training on a monthly basis. Please contact Steve for additional information.

Bob motioned to adjourn at 9:10 a.m. and Steve seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Beth Piersall, Recorder

**Next DD Sub-Committee Meeting  
June 1, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. (the May meeting was  
canceled)  
Public Health Conference Room**