

**Madison County Community Services Board**  
**Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Sub-Committee/Mental Health Sub-Committee**  
**May 4, 2017**

**Attending:**

Teisha Cook-MHD

Melissa Jillson-Liberty Resources

Janelle Powell-Liberty Resources

Angel Gonzalez-Coordinated Care Services

Paula Cerio-Liberty Resources

Kim Centore-MHD

Susan Jenkins-BRiDGES

Sandra Schiffer-PRO's Clinic

Emily Hitchcock-Family Counseling Services

Dawn Krupiarz-Madison County Drug Treatment Courts

Meeting began at 9:30AM

Introductions were made for those attending.

**Announcements:**

Local Plan- Teisha thanked everyone who completed the survey, as they had 75 surveys returned. The top 4 priorities were the same top 4 priorities across all the sub-groups; housing, crisis services, transportation and addiction/rehab beds. She is in the process of writing up narratives, although they had already had goals that were related to those things. Some people from the group were invited to a "Mobility Management" meeting. Teisha inserted herself into the meeting and did a phone call interview with the folks that are doing the study of all the transportation in the county. If anyone has concerns regarding transportation and would like to do a phone interview, Teisha can probably make that happen.

Mobile Crisis-the plans for the mobile crisis plan are moving along. They will be using the Crisis Intervention Group as the structure to discuss how this is going to roll out. Liberty Resources did receive the award from the Central New York Care Collaborative to do the adults and the Central New York Directors Planning Group is giving them money to do the kids. They are hoping that the roll out will be over the summer for the kids. At first it will be after business hours and on weekends, but will eventually be full time.

RFP for Crisis Addiction Center for Recovery-The Central New York Directors Planning Group has selected SBH to do that project. SBH, along with other providers will be starting that with the intention of having something like "CPEP", but for opiates or heroin. They will be seen, stabilized and get assessed to find out what they need and link back to the community via peers. They are hoping that by September, it will be open in some capacity. It will be located in Syracuse and transportation will be built into it.

OASAS-OASAS has applied for SAMSHA funding to address the opiate crisis. They were awarded the funding and turned around and looked at all the counties in the state across a bunch of data points, they then picked the top 16 counties to push money into them to address the opiate crisis. Madison County was one of the counties selected. OASAS selected a provider before the counties were aware. They had to call OASAS and were informed that our county was selected, which led to another call, when they were told that they had already selected a provider. The provider is going to be SBH. This is in the very beginning stages, a major part of that is getting people access to medication to come off of opiates and heroin. This may be a mobile/tele/psychiatry unit to come out here. According to Rob Kent, there is a parody in all the counties, so what is being done in one, has to be done in the others, if you want the funding for it. SBH has also been awarded a SAMSHA grant for a community behavioral health. The STR Grant is for 4 counties: Madison, Onondaga, Oswego and Cayuga. There are 10 peers assigned to the 4 counties.

Family Support RFP- The Family Support RFP went out to all the distribution lists. It is also on the county website.

Respite for kids- At this time we have no respite for kids. Hutchings has a crisis respite, which quite a few of the kids have gone to, but that is a long-term respite, they could be there for up to 3 weeks. Now there is another option, the Central New York Directors Planning Group has a contract with Cayuga Centers in Auburn to do some site based respite in their residential programs. This would be shorter term, 2 or 3 days, could go longer if necessary. The way to access this is through a one page application to goes to Teisha, she will review the application, if approved, will then go to Cayuga Centers. Teisha will send referrals out upon request. Children need to be at least 10 years old.

### **Agency Reports**

#### **Melissa Jillson-Liberty Resources**

- The kitchen at Maxwell House is done.
- Jim Strail has started; he is in the process of training. Angie will work with him until May 15<sup>th</sup>, when she will start at the crisis beds.
- They have been working with BRiDGES, Family Counseling, HEAL and Pathways to come up with a recovery event that would shine a positive light on recovery. On June 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a walk. After the walk, there will be some snacks and a tree dedication with a plaque. The clients have come up with a quote for the plaque.
- June 8<sup>th</sup> will be their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.

#### **Sandra Schiffer-PRO's Clinic**

- All is well at PRO's.
- Currently working on the Suboxone policy.
- They are putting together an "open mic" night at PRO's. They will start doing it once a month and see how it goes. This is open to the community. More details to come.

#### **Kim Centore-MHD**

- Everything is running smoothly at Mental Health.
- Open Access is still busy.

#### **Janelle Powell-Liberty Resources**

- As of the end of April, they had 36 peers enrolled and since this past Monday, they have had 3 more.
- They presented at the Madison County Public Safety Building last week to 6 inmates and it went great. They seemed very excited about the support groups that they will start next Friday and be held on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month.
- They have decided to close the center on Saturday and Sunday for now, based on a greater need for staff during the week.

- Working with the Great Swamp Conservancy to start a trail walking group, hopefully will be held between 2 and 4 times per month.
- They are still recruiting for a part time peer specialist.

#### **Angel Gonzalez-Coordinated Care Services**

- Angel had sent out an email with his new contact information. Email is [agonzalez@ccsi.org](mailto:agonzalez@ccsi.org) and phone is 607-422-6066.
- There is an issue with referrals; they believe that it stems from the word “overdose”. They think that when they see overdose on referral that it means that the person had to have been there due to an overdose. A person could come in with an injury, such as a broken arm, in which the person fell due to being intoxicated.
- They are hoping that the hospital will discuss this with the nurses.
- There are 17 ½ hours in his budget per week.
- Working at Hamilton Hospital is on hold for now, due to lack of referrals.

#### **Emily Hitchcock-Family Counseling Services**

- Mental Health is fully staffed, with 2 new people starting next month
- On the Chemical Dependency side, they have had IOP groups running all week for about a month.
- The Suboxone and Vivitrol continue to grow.
- They are renovating the Morrisville clinic and hoping to be open in July.
- Scheduling interviews for staff at the Morrisville site.
- Emily mentioned that during the Program Director’s Meeting, they had discussed the “13 Reasons Why” show. The group discussed this matter in detail.

#### **Dawn Krupiarz-Madison County Drug Treatment Courts**

- The Family Treatment Program has 8 participants with 17 pending
- The Criminal Drug Court has 22 participants with 5 pending.
- Dawn distributed forms for the Community Bikes Program. Chuck Fox has been doing this for years. Folks just need to be referred and they will receive a bike with a lock and a helmet. This will take place on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Kallet Civic Center.
- One of Dawn’s clients helped with the city wide cleanup and was shocked at the number of needles, drug paraphernalia, suboxone wrapper and other items. The same was found at Harlon Field in Munnsville.

#### **Susan Jenkins-BRiDGES**

- BRiDGES received a Coalition grant, it’s more 5 counties trying to collaborate and make sure that everyone has the resources they need to address opiates. This will start on July 1<sup>st</sup>. They will run an ad starting Monday for a coordinator for that program.
- Last year they held a Community Call to Action. This year, Anthony DeMario, from IHeart Radio will come speak on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Gorman Foundation from 5:30-7:00pm. This is free and light refreshments will be served.
- There will be a training on Elder Abuse on June 21<sup>st</sup> at BRiDGES from 10:00-11:30am. The cost is \$10 and there are OASAS credits available for the training.

- BRiDGES had their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last week. Christine Fix came to speak; she was involved with Aids Community Resource.
- They will be having another Upstate Fellow from Colgate this summer to work on a variety of projects. One of them will be to put together a mock teenager’s bedroom. It will have a blow up bed, a foot locker, closet and desk. There will be 60 different “stash” items hidden in the bedroom. This will be portable, so they plan to take it to open houses, health fairs and any other adult group that wanted.

**Paula Cerio-Liberty Resources**

- The respite bed is occupied. There is 1 opening at Venture House, but hoping to fill on Friday. The Apartment program is full and scattered site is also full, with a waiting list.
- The OMH audit in March went well and Venture House was certified for 3 more years. One concern OMH had was the staff administering breathalyzers to residents. OMH said this is practicing outside the scope of what the staff is allowed to do. Can only be done if the resident requests this as part of their treatment plan. They are also unable to withhold medications. In the past they had a doctor’s note stating to withhold the meds if the client appeared to be intoxicated. But OMH says this is also outside the scope.
- Paula handed out data that was collected regarding the drug epidemic in New York State.

**Miscellaneous**

Janelle shared that the Suicide Prevention Walk this year “Out of the Darkness” for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will be held at Clearpath for Veterans on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Janelle is the chair and has yet to form a committee. She is looking for volunteers to be on the committee or to volunteer the day of the walk. They will be having a chicken bbq and a can drive. She can update folks with flyers if interested.

Meeting ended at 10:15am  
Recorder: Betty Spaulding

**Next Meeting:  
Thursday, June 1, 2017 @ 9:30am  
Public Health Conference Room**