

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

APPROVED

March 17th, 2022

Via Hybrid

Member John Bezirgianian, MD

Attendance: Fran Bialy
Carolyn Galatzan
Bob Williams
William Standinger, III
Denise Brown
Shawn Nalepa
Larissa Brower
Tina Lounsbury

Guests:

Mental Hygiene Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services (minutes)

Meeting called to order at 9:30am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from February 2022

Discussion: Approved with changes

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Lori provided the following updates:

- Workforce Funding
 - Agreement reached with the Union
 - Each eligible employee to receive funds
 - Resolution to be presented to the Legislature
 - Left over funding to go towards training
- Recruitment & Retention
 - Countywide issue discussed
 - Shawn gave insight on a Law that allows training reimbursement for counties who paid to train individuals who, in turn, leave to work in another county. The new employing county would then need to reimburse the previous county's training expenses for that individual.
- Staffing Changes
 - Michelle Dunham (ADS) and Linda Wagner (MH) resigned
 - Sarah Secor (MH) started March 1st, 2022
 - Betty Chilson will be retiring in June 2022

- ADS Department
 - Open Access hours changed to 1:00 – 5:00pm due to staffing
 - Probation currently has ACBC and Trinity there daily either full time or Part time
 - ACBC & Trinity are doing assessments and sending individuals to their perspective places for treatment and not the closes clinics
 - Could face a sustainability issue with the number of agencies providing the same services to a limited number of clients
 - ACBC opened clinics in Binghamton & Endicott and more people are going there
 - REACH in Ithaca prescribing MAT meds and controls
 - Non-profit organizations can do a lot of things the county clinic cannot because of OASAS guidelines
 - Many counties are upset these agencies received funding instead of it going to the standing county agencies.
 - Lori reviewed the Boys & Girls Club/COTI situation she had.
 - Clinic isn't getting a lot of adolescents because they are going to other programs instead
 - There may come a time where ADS services will need to be reviewed
 - Concerns with what happens when all of the COTI money goes away
 - A lot of competition in the county for ADS clients
 - Sustainability is worrisome
- Personnel Director
 - New Director to be hired soon resulting from Bethany O'Rourke's retirement
 - May be a county study in the future
 - Harder to recruit workers
 - County is not competitive

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – Dr. Bezirgianian

Discussion: Subcommittee Highlights

- OPWDD Subcommittee
 - More services are up and running
 - Life Plan, Prime Care & ST Connects
 - Conducting more in-person services
 - Still offering virtual services
 - State saying CSIDD services coming in April
 - Racker holding virtual activities
 - Still have waiting lists in Tioga County
 - Pat Gillule meets with a group to discuss the needs of the OPWDD population in area counties

Status: Informational Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy

- Facing a severe issue with safe and affordable housing in the county

- County CAC
 - Main funding source is federal fines dollars
 - Funding has dried up
 - Contract ends this fall
 - RFP's being completed and due next Thursday (3/24/22)
 - ANHC served 1,298 individuals in 2021
 - Hoping to obtain the funds needed to run the program
 - Some counties are in trouble financially
 - Fran should be finding out soon what kind of funding his program will be receiving.

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: New Business

Discussion: Nominating Committee

- Nominations:
 - Chair – Dr. Bezirgianian
 - Co-Chair – Fran Bialy
 - Secretary – Tina Lounsbury
 - Alternative Nominations - none
- The Board voted unanimously to accept the nominations.
- These individuals will serve in their prospective positions for a term of 1 year.

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:33am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21st, 2022 at 9:30am.

