Community Services Board Meeting  
April 18, 2018

Present: Brian Hart, Dr. Michelle Pavilard, Jennifer Emery, Amy Jones, David Andreine, Rosemary Anthony, Michelle Johnson, Leisa Alger, Rene Snyder

Excused: Pam Overdurf, April O'Laughlin

Absent: Lori Murphy, Melanie Rahr, Joseph Cevette, Dr. John Alves,

Guests:

Minutes:

Approved with changes as noted below:

Sub-Committee Reports

➢ Nominating
   a. Jennifer indicated that Alan Yeck from Corning Community College has accepted the nomination to join the Community Services Board. Leisa made a motion to accept his nomination, and it was seconded by Rosemary. He was approved unanimously.

➢ Mental Health
   a. **Walk A Mile Event:** Saturday May 5, 2018 at Eldridge Park. There are approximately 500 hundred people registered, and that will rapidly increase next month, as we get closer to the event. She has been receiving many calls from people who want to attend, but not register, and they were encouraged to join us. Volunteers are need for t-shirt distribution day and at the walk as well.

   b. **State budget analysis:** Brian noted that the only significant item in the mental health section was the continuation of the licensure exception allowing unlicensed individuals to continue to work at agencies that are licensed by the state. No time frame was noted in the analysis, but historically it is a two year extension.

   c. **5.07 Plan:** Was approved.

   d. **DSRIP:** Consensus in the room is that DSRIP was designed poorly by NYS DOH in that it seems to primarily encourage boxes to be checked, and doesn’t easily address systemic changes that are sustainable, nor necessarily focus on avoidable hospitalizations as was the premise to begin with.
Substance Abuse

a. **State budget:** Brian reviewed that in the approved state budget, there is 37.5 million for alcohol and substance abuse services in county jails outside of NYC. While this is less than the 128 million being requested, it is at least something, and will result in approximately $5,000 coming to the community. This will likely offset the clinical services being provided for free by Trinity currently and remove the chance of them receiving a corrective action plan from OASAS for have decreased productivity as services in the jail historically don’t count towards productivity.

b. **Consent changes:** Jennifer shared that the committee reviewed changes in 42 CFR Part 2 as issued by the legal Action Center. In summary, the use of a consent is still required and doesn’t not need a specific staff member’s name, but does need the agency that the information is to be released and/or shared with.

c. **SARA:** As an update to the SARA coalition, Brian noted that progress continues to be happening as there are several housing projects in the works, timely access to acute services is being addressed, and the marketing and phone application are moving forward quickly.

d. **Recovery Schools:** Joel and Brian met with The President of Corning Community College and some of her staff as after reading a RFI from OASAS about recovery schools, they are very interested in partnering in some fashion to establish one for high school and/or college age students. After the first meeting a decision was made to visits a community with such, and the closest is in Morristown, NJ, so plans are in the works for a field trip.

e. **Local 507 Plan:** recommended for CSB approval.

Development Disability

a. **Health Home Waive Approval:** Brian briefly reviewed the news that OPWDD’s state plan amendment to start a health home was approved, and that is good news, but also bad news in that it is modeled after OMH’s children’s health home, which is an abysmal mess.

b. **OPWDD data:** Brian shared a copy of one page county specific data issued by OPWDD through the Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, but it raised more questions than answers.

c. **Local 507 Plan Development:** Renee noted that the plan was approved.

d. **Housing:** Renee noted that AIM the 40 bed unit with 10 of which being set aside for IDD targeted to open in October. They will also being converting a different property to another mixed unit arrangement with 3-4 of the 18 beds for IDD and a targeted opening of 2019.
e. **Transformation plan Law Suit:** Renee noted that there was discussed a law suit (Chautauqua County Chapter of NYSARC Inc. vs. Delany) in which the petitioner’s argument about the transformation rates was granted, and it was recommended that the respondent consider actual costs. Many other DD agencies are considering joining, or have sign on to a larger suit around this issue, but time is short.

**Director’s report**

a. **NYSPD:** Brian reviewed a recent case in which the NYS State Police refused to do a pick order multiple times on a case of someone who was threatening his estranged wife and did such with rifle in hand. In the need, after three days, the gentleman was picked up by them and brought to the hospital, resulting in and admission to the BSU. However, Brian and Amy had to have multiple discussion with NYS Police and Brian spoke with the county attorney as this could have been a major disaster in our community. Brian has spoken with the barrack’s Lt. and come to some agreements of how to address issues like this in the future.

b. **Critical Incident Stress Debriefings:** Brian noted that under the former Crisis Coordinator, many “debriefings” were done, and not always in situations that were appropriate. This came to light when Arnot requested crisis to do a debriefing despite crisis not having trained staff, and the Arnot staff not being a part of the actual event. Brian stated that he is supportive of crisis and/or others being trained in CISD, but that we need to offer more appropriate services other than CISD in most of the situations as EAP type services would be more appropriate.

c. **Geri-psychiatric proposal:** Brian noted that Ira Davenport hospital is requesting a discussion with the regional County Directors as they would like to open a geri-psychiatric inpatient unit. When St. Joe’s had submitted a similar proposal serval years ago, OMH denied based on lack of need, so it has been recommended that they make sure that such exists.

d. **5.07 Plan:** Brian reviewed the plan that had been sent to all several weeks prior, highlighting recommended changes by reviewers and the committee members. Most of the discussion focused on 2n, and its goals. This section is about the caseload sizes. While all agreed that caseloads can average around 90, that Family Services is working on this, but the mental health committee had recommended a need to address the issue. After lengthy discussion, the language submitted by the mental health committee was changed to state a goal of “enhance current processes that allow for further exploration of options to reduce caseloads.”
Jennifer made a motion to approve the plan with these changes, and it was seconded by David. Voting was unanimous in favor of submitting the plan to the state.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2018 at 1:00.