Community Services Board Meeting  
Minutes of December 19, 2018

Present: Brian Hart, Joseph Cevette, Lori Murphy, David Andreine, Jennifer Emery, Leisa Alger, Alan Yeck, Dr. Michelle Pavilard, Sean Eagan, Heather Hargraves, Rosemary Anthony (by phone)

Excused:

Absent: Dr. John Alves, Michelle Johnson, Rene Snyder, Ellen Topping

Minutes:

Approved without changes:

Sub-Committee Reports

➢ Nominating – Brian reported:
  a. CSB Officers- After discussing duties of the officers and term limits, David and Joe agreed to remain as chair and Vice-chair respectfully. Rosemary agreed to become the Secretary. There were no objections.
  b. Committee Chairs- We discussed that it would be more beneficial to have CSB members as chairperson of the committees so that Brian does not end up providing the report for multiple committees to the CSB unless that respective chairperson is unable to attend the committee meeting. Lori agreed to start chairing the mental health committee. Jennifer will continue to chair the mental health committee. Jennifer agreed to continue to chair the nominating committee, but reminded everyone that as discussed during the previous CSB meeting, she needs this to be a committee effort as it should not be falling to the DCS to offer suggestion for CSB Board members.
  c. CSB Vacancy- There is one current vacancy. Jennifer mentioned Tara Fethers from Trinity and David had suggested Marilyn Cristafaro from Family Services. Jennifer agreed to follow-up in that order, and Brian informed the board that the new administration has put in place a process that includes submitting a bio about the proposed board member for legislative approval.

➢ Mental Health- Brian reported:
  a. Suicide prevention- Shannon will be providing SOS training in the Waverly school district on February 28th and at the Elmira High School on March 6th and 7th. A safeTALK will be offered at Family Services on March 6th. Youth Mental Health First Aide is being taught in two 4 hour
segments on March 11th and 12th, but you must attend both sessions. Here in room 322. Brian will be participating in a health fair at the Horseheads Middle school on March 15th.

b. **Walk**- The 14th annual walk is scheduled for May 4th. A smart TV is being raffled off as a fund raiser, but we are making sure to follow the rules for raffles by not selling tickets more than 6 months in advance, not making more than $6,000 from the raffle and not selling raffle tickets to anyone under the age of 18. Registration should be opening for the walk in the next few weeks.

c. **Local Planning**- The committee decide on the following five priorities and agreed to come back independently with their ideas of how to address them at the next meeting:

   - Adherence with medication regime
   - Adolescent inpatient/outpatient specialty
   - Geriatric psychiatry in the community/homes
   - Workforce development
   - Housing

> **Substance Abuse**: Jennifer reported:

a. **CPS Services**- through an OCFS grant Trinity is able to add a position allowing for them to join CPS staff to go on hotline calls that appear to be substance abuse related based on the information provided during the call and assess for appropriate referral needs during the intake process. Program will start next week.

b. **Jail Services**- OASAS has approved $60,000 to fund services in the jail that will pay for the full time position that Trinity has been providing at no cost of over the past 1+ years. In addition, OASAS has agreed to start accounting for that person’s time in their productivity system so that it doesn’t flag the agency for potential corrective action as had been the fear historically.

c. **Local Planning**- The committee decide on the following five priorities and agreed to come back independently with their ideas of how to address them at the next meeting:

   - **Family services**
     - Child care
   - Workforce development
   - Dual recovery beds
   - Transportation
   - Housing
     - Supported housing

> **Development Disability**- Leisa reported:

a. **Care Coordination Organizations**: Representatives from Prime Care, Person Centered Services and Southern Tier Connects joined our committee today to be part of the committee going forward. This prompted a lengthy discussion of what is working and what has gone well to date with the transformation from MSC to CCO services. It seems many of the problems have exist in the software system being used. They reported that OPWDD has extended the timeframe for the IM
assessments that drive the Life plan, which is helpful. Some Lifeplans are coming due for review, but the system is not set up for that capacity yet. A large concern is that there is NO guidance from either DOH or OPWDD to the CCOs, so each CCO is setting their own rules for waiver, and therefore the providers are having to respond to separate and distinct sets of rules. The COOs stated they are trying to have some high level discussions about uniformity in this regard.

b. **Local planning**- The committee decide on the following five priorities and agreed to come back independently with their ideas of how to address them at the next meeting:
   - Continue from last year’s plan:
     - Support for transitioning youth out of Early Intervention services, but don’t qualify for OPWDD services
   - Housing (residential)
     - Alternative approaches
     - Unique approaches to address high behavioral health/medically frail needs with adequate funding
   - Regulatory reform allowing for use of technology
     - Funding for same
   - Workforce
     - Attracting specialist (OT, PT, Speech)

c. **Meeting Date change**- Next meeting will be on April 24th.

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➢ **Director’s report**

a. **Next mtg**- Need to change next meeting. Agreed upon date is April 24th as noted below.

b. **Arnot PAR**- As has been discussed in previous board meetings, the Arnot Healthcare system had been planning to submit two PARs. The first to merge assets of the two hospitals for the purposes of putting them under one tax ID, that would consider them in essence the same hospital with two different addresses, and a second PAR to allow for the 9.39 status to be transferred to Arnot location, but the BSU to remain at St. Joseph’s Hospital. During the process, OMH Central Office asked for more clarification of the full plan, and opted to make it one inclusive PAR, that has now been approved. They will have to work out a transportation system between the two hospitals, address potential elopement issue, and develop a media campaign to educate both law enforce and ambulance services as well as the public for the eventual closure of the St. Joseph’s ER and sole use of the Arnot ER for all 9.39 presentations.

Brian continues to work with their administration to assure that quality issues are being addressed in the ERs, and that communication between the ER’s and the BSU is at its best.
The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2019 at 1:00 in Room 336