Community Services Board Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2019

Present: David Andreine, Joe Cevette, Michelle Johnson, Michelle Pavillard, Rosemary Anthony, Alan Yeck, Lori Murphy, Tara Fethers, Rene Snyder, Sean Eagan, Brian Hart

Excused: Dr. Dascalu, Ellen Topping, Jennifer Emery, Leisa Alger, Heather Hargraves

Guests: Julie Schneider, Johanna Webster

Meeting called to order by David. Minutes approved without changes.

Special presentation- Julie Schneider and Johanna Webster

Glove House presented on their intent to become licensed as a Children and Family Treatment Support and Services (CFTSS) provider. In their proposal that they presented orally, they expressed a desire to provide Other Licensed Professional services (OLP), Community Psychiatric Support and treatment (CPST) and Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR).

This prompted a lengthy discussion as Joe (Pathways, CEO) indicated that they have been providing this service for over a year as a required legacy provider when the waivers were changed to these services. According to Joe, they will be losing substantial money in the provision of these services, and the rates are planned to be decreased in 2020. Questions were asked of Julie and Johanna with regard to why they would want to provide this service. They believe the service is needed, but are also hesitant about jeopardizing the finances of the agency. Answered that this is possible, but that won’t necessarily change the finances. Julie reported that there are no startup funds and that they would only be serving individuals with Fidelis’ Managed Medicaid at this time as they are not par with United Healthcare currently.

Their plan is to start by using existing staff to work per diem with a capacity of 10 as they are now serving 3 families. They are proposing 2 families per staff member. Their vision is to have Licensed MSW’s go into the home.

They acknowledged that one of the downsides to this model in rural counties is that reimbursement is only provided for face to face contact.

After being excused from the meeting the board discussed the proposal and opted to postpone their vote until they receive written documentation of the actual proposal and budget. They agreed to vote on it via e-mail instead of waiting until the February meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Nomination Committee-
1. No report
➢ Mental Health Committee - Lori:

- **Update on New Suicide Prevention Coordinator:** In absence of viable candidates Brian is recommending that the SPOA Coordinator take on some of the duties such as coordinating trainings, and attending health fairs as well as Coordinating the walk. Brian will support this person, and we will rely on the regional trainers for safeTALK, ASIST and Suicide Safety for teacher trainings. We need a QPR trainer.

- **Suicide Prevention walk:** We are in good shape with t-shirt color being determined, and application ready for submission to hold the date of May 2nd at Eldridge Park.

- **Regional Crisis Residence:** There is an RFA that has been issued for interested parties to submit for a Regional Crisis Residence in the amount of 4 million in capital funds for this project. However, the rates have not been established, so many are reluctant to proceed.

➢ Substance Abuse - Tara in Jennifer’s:

- **Field Office Leadership:** Donna Stott is retiring as Director and Colleen Mance is becoming the new OASAS Field Office Director

- **New Hope New Life video:** OASAS has a video series on the home website worth reviewing at [https://oasas.ny.gov/new-hope-new-life-oasas](https://oasas.ny.gov/new-hope-new-life-oasas)

➢ Developmental Disability - Rene on behalf of Leisa

- **Id cards:** OPWDD has the availability of identification cards that can be completed online for individuals with IDD at [https://opwdd.ny.gov/iddidcards](https://opwdd.ny.gov/iddidcards), but there seems to be low utilization.

- **Information line:** On the OPWDD website there is also information about an information line that individuals are encouraged to call as nobody knows for sure what information is available for the caller. The number is 866-946-9733.

- **Local Plan:** As part of a due diligence process the committee started to review developmental disability needs identified in this year’s plan. This lead to a considerable discussion about access to Care Coordination that seems to be slowed by the length of time it takes for the state to verify Long Term Care Medicaid. There was a suggestion that E-MedNY can be helpful in this regard.

In addition, the committee discussed how it is determined that we need to develop more housing. Question was raised about the need to review number of licensed beds vs. potential need. Brian will look to bring back information.
Director's Report

- **DSRIP 2.0**: Brian reported that DOH has submitted a new DSRIP application for another 8 billion dollars. 625 million is requested to extend DSRIP for one year. 7.3 billion is targeted to transition PPS’ will be changed to Value Management Organizations with a focus on (80%) performance based and (20%) high performance based. In addition, the plan calls for the formulation of Social determinants health network.

- **Family Services Wait List**: Brian reported that for the first time in over 15 years, Family Services is using a waitlist due to decreasing clinical staffing in a time when workforce is a challenge for all. In this waitlist system, callers will be triaged by high, medium and low priority type f needs, and offered case management in the meantime.

Next meeting- **February 19, 2020**