Community Services Board Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2021

Present for Tele-Conference: Leisa Alger, Ellen Topping, Lori Murphy, Sean Eagan, Jennifer Emery, Jeff Eaton, Rebecca Robertshaw, Dr. Michele Pavillard, Dr. Mihai Dascalu, Rebecca Robertshaw, Bailey Johnson, Brian Hart

Excused: René Snyder, Michelle Johnson, Joe Cevette

Absent: Rosemary Anthony

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

Sub-Committee Reports:

- **Nominating Committee** - Jennifer
  1. Oversight on Brian’s part as Jennifer, Renee and Rosemary’s term’s all expired in December, but are eligible for another term. Leisa moved that they be nominated for a second term and it was seconded by Sean. Jennifer abstained from voting for herself. Otherwise the vote was unanimous.

    After eight years on the board and several of them as board Chair, David terms came to an end leaving a double void. He will be greatly missed as his feedback and thought provoking questions often lead the board to consider options to pursue. Nobody automatically step forward as a new Chairperson, but a recommendation was made that the Vice Chair, Joe Cevette become the Chairperson. However, how was not present, so Brian will follow up with him, and pointed out that if he accepts, another person will need to fill his role as Vice Chairperson. We also discussed possible new board members and a couple of names were shared for Jennifer to follow up with. One form EPC and one from EPD.

- **Alcohol and Substance Abuse** - Jennifer
  1. **Budget:** Jail based substance abuse treatment has been restored. The creation of a combined mental health and substance abuse agency was rejected.

  2. **Local Plan:** Recommended local plan for approval.

- **Mental Health Committee** - Lori Murphy
  1. **Suicide Prevention Updates:** The walk is all set for Chapel Park on May 1st with approximately 350 people signed up for this drive through event.

  2. **Budget:** Legislature rejected the permanent 5% cut. The reinvestment is suspended for one year and that 22 million in savings will be placed in the General fund. They rejected the proposed expansion of Kendra’s Law. There will be new regional Crisis Stabilization centers operational 24/7 with a psychiatrist or psych nurse practitioner, CASAC and a peer. Not sure how this will impact our local mobile crisis team.

  3. **Local Plan:** Recommended local plan for approval.
Developmental Disability - Leisa

1. **Budget:** Medicaid has a 1% increase. All 20% withhold has been restored. The 20% Care Coordination rate cut was rejected. 1% COLA is forthcoming.

2. **Grant:** Sean reported that ARC received funding for tele-health to help seniors and individuals with developmental disabilities to connect hardware in their homes.

3. **Local Plan:** Recommended local plan for approval.

Director’s report:

1. **Health Home Care Management:** HUNNY and Circare approached Brian via e-mail with a follow up five person ZOOM call to attempt to convince Brian to agree to bring Salvation Army on board as an adult care management agency. Brian expressed concerns as this agency hadn’t had any discussions about this, but more importantly, they struggle with their current book of business providing domestic violence services and half way house services to individuals with substance abuse needs. In addition, their fiscal office in Syracuse have reoccurring problems. The CEO of Circare concurred with some of these concerns, but they have individuals waiting for services. Brian offered to expand current providers or other local providers with a history of providing care management as Salivation Army has no such local infrastructure or experience.

   They also spoke of a shortage of workforce, but Brian pointed out that this problem won’t change regardless of who is named as a new care management organization, and that he will support whoever they choose, but that Salivation Army is simply not who he is recommending.

   Brian followed this discussion up with an e-mail indicating this to Salvation Army leadership, and they have asked for a meeting, that Brian has agreed to.

2. **Local Plan:** Jeff made motion for local plan as presented with recommendations made by each of the committees. Seconded by Jennifer. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting **June 16, 2021**