Substance Abuse Committee
November 21, 2018

Present:  Brian Hart, Joel Yager, Glenn Jarvis, Erin Doyle, Nicholas Moffe, Lisa Willson,

Excused:  Jennifer Emery, Linda Waite

Minutes:

Approved without changes

Director of Community Services Report – Brian Hart

- **SARA Update: (Substance Abuse Regional Alliance)** Brian Hart shared that there was a webinar yesterday that spoke about an electronic system that they are using in the Baltimore, Maryland area that is tracking overdoses. No one can see any details except mapping of where the occurrences are happening. This system doesn’t have all the information that we have in our local tracking system. Brian has an Excel spreadsheet that works well and he can track an address, drugs, names etc. Year to date our County has had 66 overdoses which is a lot better than in 2016 when we had 120, and in 2017 in the beginning of that year we had 110 and then the remainder of the year was about 21/2 dozen more. We have only had 2 fatalities this year. They are using meth and cocaine as their drugs of choice. Most of the SARA meeting was about updating information on the SARA App that can be downloaded on your cell phones, and connect you with services that are in close proximity to you. It can provide you with a satellite image of the building, map of how to get there, phone number and address. It is also interconnected with the Arounjela App. They committee also approved the commercials they will be running that include information on addiction, links and information on the SARA App/Arounjela App.

- **New Services in CPS:** Chemung County is going to apply and fill out a one page Grant from OCFS. CPS will partner with Trinity to hire a full time staff to use a drug & alcohol related screening tool to refer individuals/families to services. The funds will be available in December, but they need time to get the staff on board.

- **COTI-Chemung:** OASAS has offered $150,000 to provide COTI- Services. This will be for (Trinity) Peers to help individuals transition from jail to services. This money will also be used in response to crisis situations allowing them to assist those involved with an overdose, and also for those individuals who end up in the ER and need to get services. CASA Trinity is setting up meetings with the ER and they will be happening quarterly.

- **Niagara Facility:** OASAS is announcing that they have opened up a first of its kind in western NY – residential facility that has 25 beds for women only who are dealing with addiction and giving them a stable environment.
Learning Thursday’s List – CEU’s: This list can be found on the OASAS website. It is worth looking at, to see what type of CEU’s they are offering. This is informative and free for you all to take advantage.

Peer Grant: There was a recent grant submitted in which Catholic Charities would be the lead. This is using FLPP’s dollars to certify 12 Peers. They will build and create Peers through multiple agencies. The Peer movement is good, but we need to be careful not to overstep boundaries, as this can open up liability issues, and they are there to support and not to screen individuals. They need to have supervision to define what they are doing, as they are not supposed to be doing any clinical work.

Sharing by Community Members

New Staff at OASAS Field Office – Julie Charlanow, use to work at Trinity, has been assigned Counties, but does not have Chemung or Livingston. Colleen Mance is still assigned to Chemung and Livingston.

CASA Trinity – The Suboxone study went well. They are making changes and putting things in place.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2018