Substance Abuse Committee
April 24, 2019

Present: Brian Hart, Glenn Jarvis, Erin Doyle, Tara Fethers, Lisa Willson, Jennifer Emery, Nicholas Moffe, Victoria Wagner, Linda Waite

Excused:

Minutes:

Approved without changes

Director of Community Services Report – Brian Hart

Update on Jail Based Services: After being notified that Chemung County would be receiving $60,000 for Jail Based Services and working to have it go through Trinity to continue to provide the services, the Chemung County Jail has stated that they do not have any space for them to be there full time. They stated that they can continue to share space (Family Services/Trinity/Medical) and be in the jail 6 to 7 hours a week. There is a need for private space due to confidentiality. The money that is being provided is only to be used for the jail. Brian Hart has a meeting coming up in mid-May with Sheriff Bill Schrom to discuss this further and see if there are other options. It looks like if we can't get in there full time, we may have to send 55 to 60 thousand of the original 70 thousand back to the state. Ann from Trinity will need to get the figures and figure out how much of the money will be utilized if they are only in the jail 6 to 7 hours a week. This is why the State needs to look at our Local Planning, so the money is allocated from the State based on our Local need for it. The question was asked if any other Counties are having this kind of issue and Brian stated that he had not heard of any others.

Local Planning: This is an online system which does not allow for many options. Once you put in your Goal, it will only allow you a maximum of 5 objectives, so you need to choose your word wisely. Brian passed out a copy of the Goals and Objectives Form, so everyone could look it over and see if any changes and/or additions were needed.

Under Housing – the objectives are: to develop more congregate care housing, expand upon respite options, develop supported housing-including but not limited to mixed us options, and develop affordable housing options.

Brian asked if this captured what they wanted for housing and everyone agreed.

Under Transportation – the objectives are: to assemble or join an existing coalition/task force, track the scope of the problem throughout the year, and evaluate and implement alternative options.

Brian Hart reached out to C-Tran and they said they would reach out to all the providers to discuss the “Smart Tap System”. Users will need a Smart Phone
or access to email to upload on their card. If users lose their card there is a fee to have it replaced. Brian asked if any of the providers have heard from C-Tran, and they all said not that they know of. Brian said that he gave Transit names for each organization to contact. It was stated that people with disabilities will struggle with this new system. Brian suggested they attend an upcoming Chemung County Coordinated Transportation Committee meeting on May 15, 2019 at 10:00am at 800 W. Broad St. in Horseheads. Someone mentioned that they were invited to a meeting at C-Tran meeting on May 2, 2019 at the building on Clemens Center Parkway. It was suggested that the transportation issue be a standing agenda item for the Substance Abuse Subcommittee so that any updates can be discussed. We need to track if this new system is becoming an issue.

Brian asked if this captured what they wanted for transportation and everyone agreed.

Under Workforce – the objectives are: Develop videos with use of staff from multiple agencies to promote the fields, engage in local high schools/colleges to promote the field, participate in career days events, evaluate loan forgiveness programs, shared staffing models and other incentive options for all employees, and explore options of reimbursement for college in exchange for commitment to the agency.

Brian asked if this captured what they wanted for workforce and everyone agreed.

Under Inpatient Treatment Services – the objectives are: Explore options for alternatives to ER visits and behavioral health hospitalizations, train all ER/BHAT staff to provide a comprehensive emergency psychiatric assessment, and explore options for opening an additional children and youth acute unit to complement an existing service.

We need to make sure they are doing a comprehensive job in the ER and that they are trained. They now have a Psychiatrist devoted to the ER and an Nurse Practitioner working on weekends. They are showing up on more in the New Dawn unit as well.

Brian asked if this captured what they wanted for inpatient treatment services and everyone agreed.

Outpatient Services – the objectives are: Expand the care in the jail to maximize funding, and open satellite clinics in close proximity to primary care and mental health clinic settings.

Might need to reword it slightly to say “utilize funding to its fullest capability”. There are a high percentage of inmates who have Mental Health and/or Addiction issues, so not having services in there full time is not ok. Trinity is doing a lot of outpatient services.
Brian asked if this captured what they wanted for outpatient services and everyone agreed.

Brian asked the committee members if they wanted him to present the entire local plan to the Community Services Board. They all agreed to allow the local plan to move forward to the CSB.

**Sharing by Community Members**

- **New Dawn** – Staff are registered with FIT & CORE Program. As for Dual Diagnosis groups being held, OASAS is still telling them that they cannot include anyone else in their groups. Brian brought up McPike and the tour they did several years ago, in which they held dual diagnosis group meetings. If the staff have FIT & CORE training, then all they would need to do is have a consent form signed in order to hold dual diagnosis group meetings (New Dawn/BSU). No separate license is needed. Brian will call OASAS to discuss this with them. Dual Diagnosis has been discussed forever. If MOA’s and Release of Information is in place, there should not be an issue.

- **Salvation Army** – A flyer was passed around to invite everyone from the Committee meeting to the Our House Annual Picnic. It will be held at 401 Division Street, Elmira, NY 14901 on June 5, 2019 11:30am to 2:00pm. You can RSVP by calling 607-734-0032.

  **The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2019**