Present: Brian Hart, Lori Murphy, Christina Sirois, Melissa Stafford, Dayle-Lynne Williams-Fedoriw, Johanna Webster, Jennifer Emery, Kellie Traugott-Knoll, Lori Wert, Rebecca Robertshaw

Excused: Dina O’Herron, David Andriene, Dr. Mihai Dascalu

Minutes:
Approved without changes.

Introductions:

Suicide Prevention Updates – Brian Hart:

- **Updates:** The Committee did not meet for December because there is currently nothing to plan. We are not sure the Walk event will happen in May, hopefully the Covid-19 numbers will be better and the event can go on as planned. The Committee will meet in January to start working on the May 1, 2021 event.

Director of Community Services report - Brian Hart:

- **Vaccine Schedule:** The State are still discussing what Phases hospital staff, licensed homes, and individuals should be in to receive the vaccine. The State did not even consider the Mobile CRISIS unit. They should be in Phase 1-A. The State has sent out invitations for agencies to become vaccine sights. Not sure if the Department of Health in Chemung County will be a site. A Committee member stated that EPC has LPN’s that started today and will be providing Covid-19 testing two times per week and giving the vaccine. A Committee member stated that at Arnot the vaccine would be coming late this week or possibly next week, so the staff will receive it. This has to be done quickly. Brian is concerned that the vaccine will create a false sense of security to those who receive the vaccine and will not be as diligent with Covid-19 protocol (wearing PPE, handwashing/hand sanitizer, and social distancing). A Committee Member stated that Glove House would have access to the vaccine soon. The vaccine will be available for children 16 years of age and older for the OCFS children.

- **Meeting Frequency:** Brian proposed that this Committee move to meet every other month, instead of every month. He stated that due to Covid-19 there really has not been many issues to discuss. He stated that once we get through Covid-19, we could always change back to a monthly meeting if issues start to present themselves. Committee members agreed and no one opposed. The Committee will meet on even months starting with February 17, 2021 at 11:30am.
- **BREATHT**: Due to low utilization, the BREATHT program will be ending at the end of December. Any unused funds will be returned to OMH. The hospital has not been successful in identifying individuals who need respite.

- **SOC Expansion**: System of Care (SOC) was created by the Federal Government to work with youth and their family members and focus on their positive attributes. With this program, the States had to apply for the funding, individual Counties could not directly apply for this program. There has been a change, and now Counties can directly apply for this program funding. The funding is One Million Dollars a year for five years. Dr. Kazi has reached out to Brian to see if Chemung County was interested in this program. Because this proposal is due in February 2021, there is not enough time. Brian encouraged agencies that work with children to look at the SOC model as a possible approach to consider for submission in early 2022. A Committee member stated that they had no experience with this program in the past. Yates County did apply and receive funding, but they are still in the planning stage. It is a lot of work to create it. A Committee member stated that in the past this program was not organized in the best manner. Maybe with a different team, it may be successful. Brian stated that someone would have to do data collection. Maybe if you worked with one of the educational institution (Cornell, Syracuse, Elmira College, etc.) maybe they would be able to do the data collection. This program would also need a full time Director. Brian wants everyone to take the time to look at this program and give feedback to see if we would pursue it.

**Sharing by Community Members:**

- **Nothing to Share.**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2021.