Mental Health Sub-Committee  
January 15, 2020

Present: Brian Hart, Jennifer Emery, Johanna Webster, Melissa Stafford, Lisa Daley, Dina O'Herron, Mary Kay Diakite

Excused: Christina Sirois, Kellie Traugott-Knoll, Lori Murphy, Amanda Wylie

Minutes:

Approved without changes.

Introductions:

Suicide Prevention Updates – Brian Hart:

- **Updates for 2020:** The Committee met last week and things are coming along with the Walk. The application for the permit to have Eldridge Park has been submitted, so that we can secure it for Saturday May 2, 2020 for the event. The Journey Center in onboard to do the Audio for the event. The order has been placed for the 1725 t-shirts ($19,000+). We will be setting up a t-shirt folding day in the next couple of months and will need volunteers. This is so we can inspect all the shirts and send those back that have defects. Brian has updated the website, but it was a process trying to figure out how to add new photos. Looking for more volunteers as the event date gets closer. Reminder that the Committee meetings are every 2nd Wednesday of each month here at the DSS/HRC Building in room 336. There are only about 4 to 5 people coming regularly to the meetings. T-shirt distribution day is will be Thursday April 30th at the YWCA from 7:30 am to 7:00 pm and volunteers are needed throughout the day. Deputy Commissioner Tina O’Herron will be at the event doing data entry into the spreadsheets. On the day of the Walk volunteers will be needed to help Rocky distribute lunches, selling merchandise, selling coffee & donuts, selling raffle tickets. The SPOA Coordinator will be taking on some of the duties such as coordinating trainings, and attending health fairs as well as assisting in coordinating the Walk. The regional trainers will do safeTALK, ASIST and Suicide Safety for Teachers Trainings. Glove House has two different programs (Thrive and Evening Support) in which the kids go out and do volunteering. Brian does not have a problem with kids volunteering as long as there are adults there to supervise. This is the 15th Anniversary of the Walk and the OMH Commissioner says that she will be attending the event this year.

Director of Community Services report - Brian Hart:

- **OLP Support Services, CPST, and PSR Services EZ-PAR:** The State is doing things backwards again. This is a new children’s service in which the State designated providers and then told them to notify locally. They need to follow Title 14 rules. The providers need to present their proposals to the subcommittee and then to the CSB and submit the EZ-PAR into the system.
Need to have approvals from the subcommittee and the CSB to go forward. The entities involved are Glove House, Pathways, Hillside Children's Center and Children's Home of Wyoming. They have to establish need and the current providers of the service (Hillside and Pathways) have been losing a lot of money on this service, and the rates are expected to decrease. Glove House came to the CSB and presented last month. Pathways is coming to present next month. Hillside has decided to de-designate from Chemung County as they are too far away. Brian is still waiting to hear back from Wyoming, to see if and when they will be presenting, but in reality they are too far away. Now that the entities have submitted their proposals into the system, OMH field office has been asking a lot of questions. Brian is wondering why this is still being pushed out by the State when it's losing money.

- **Updates:** There is no update on moving St. Joe's ER, as well as no update on the 939 services at Arnot and the ER expansion at Arnot. At 1pm today there will be a live webinar at EPC to watch 20 years of AOT outpatient services. The State continues to really like this, and other Counties use it a lot. Chemung County has many services available, and Brian stated that AOT should be used as a last resort.

**Sharing by Community Members:**

- **Nothing to Share.**

  The next meeting is scheduled for **February 19, 2020.**