Present: Brian Hart, Glenn Jarvis, Erin Doyle, Nicholas Moffe, Linda Waite, Tara Fethers, Tina O’Herron

Excused: Jennifer Emery

Minutes:

Approved without changes.

Director of Community Services Report – Brian Hart

- **FLGEC Trainings**: The Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center is offering a series of trainings on Older Adults and Opioids – Webinar Series. You need to register and the cost is free. This series will introduce the evolving trends leading to the current opioid crisis and how the older adults (elderly) are impacted. Please see Attachment A.

- **3 for 5 Campaign**: This is a State wide campaign to gain support from the community for increased rates for the next 5 years. Local aid has fallen by 5% annually since the fiscal year of 2012. It has been 10 years since the State provided a cost-of-living adjustment. There is a huge workforce issue which makes it so agencies are not being able to meet the demands for services in their communities. Please see Attachment B.

- **Planned Provider Meeting**: Brian received an email yesterday from OASAS on an opportunity for managed care plans and substance use disorder providers to attend regional forums to discuss the insurance law changes effective January 2020. The closest meetings for our area are in Syracuse (March 17th) and Buffalo (March 18th) and you need to register for the forums. Please see Attachment C.

- **75 Bed (Detox) Rehabilitation and Reintegration in Liverpool**: This was announced by the Governor’s office and is now open. New Dawn was sending a woman to this facility this morning.

- **Opioid Chart**: Brian received this confusing chart on Opioid burden (including outpatient emergency department visits and hospital discharges or non-fatal opioid overdose, abuse, dependence, and unspecified use; and opioid overdose death). This data is from the year 2017. It is stating that Chemung Counties number is 174, which Brian is not sure is accurate. There are 2 Counties that stood out that he could compare with Chemung County. Jefferson County which is up by Watertown NY (rate is 155.7), and Nassau County which is part of Long Island (rate is 197.6). Broome County which has a huge issue with opioid abuse has a rate of 388.2. No one is tracking real time data except Chemung County. Please see Attachment D. Brian stated that earlier this month he attended Bradford County Pennsylvania’s Coalition Meeting. The Sayre PA they are working with the University of Pittsburg to get
real time data. Bradford County is having a huge opioid problem with 28 fatalities. There are a lot of things going on around our County and several entities are sharing information.

- **Save the Date – Walk-A-Mile Event:** Brian shared fliers for the Walk-A-Mile in My Shoes Event coming up Saturday May 2, 2020 at Eldridge Park. You can pre-register starting next month on the website. Please see Attachment E.

- **Arounja:** Brian shared post cards that have information on the Arounja website. They have been working on the App for sara.partners to provide information on providers/agencies near you to receive services. One thing they are working on changing in the App is searching by distance instead of alphabetically. Please see Attachment F. A committee member asked how you would change any services or update information about their programs on this App. Brian stated that they would go to support@arounja.org.

**Sharing by Community Members**

- **HCBS - Trinity** – Home Community Based Services – PEER Empowerment Services and Family Services. They have not received official notification of approval, but have heard that it went through. Brian Hart stated that nothing should be approved before being presented to the LGU and the Local Committees. Title 14 regulations need to be followed. The State as well as those agencies that are applying for these funds are not following the Title 14 Regulations. This proposal has not gone through the committee or the CSB. If providers/agencies want to be in good standing with the County, they need to follow the regulations.

In Title 14 there are three different sections – Substance Abuse/Developmental Disabilities/Mental Health. To open a new service you need to establish need in the community. This cannot be anecdotal, it has to be actual need. Then it needs to be presented to the LGU – Local Governing Unit (Brian Hart). Once Brian has looked it over then the proposal needs to be presented to the appropriate Committee (Substance Abuse/Developmental Disabilities/Mental Health). If the committee approves then it gets sent on to the CSB – Community Services Board. The proposal will then be presented to the CSB, and if the CSB approves then it gets sent to Albany.

In the presentation you need to provide a narrative budget that matches. This specific proposal does not have a proven track record. It is hard to say there is a need in the community and that it will be fiscally buyable.

A provider approached Brian and stated that they really needed these PEERS. The money is now running out, and they need to figure out what to do with the PEERS. You can’t get personal and keep something around that is not needed. It’s about the need in the community.

Brian will have a discussion with OASAS in their next meeting.
➢ **Mental Health Court** – Desiree wasn’t there to give an update on the Mental Health Court. A committee member asked if there have been changes with the jail with the new Bail Reform and how is it effecting services in the jail. There is an impact on services, as they are not in the jail long enough to provide the services. The time frame for the DA to get cases ready is now 14 days. A number of people will not be mandated to go to the different services that they may need. Family Services and Trinity are still in the jail. The number of people in the jail is dwindling fast. They think it will eventually come back up if the individuals show back up for court and get sentenced.

➢ **New Dawn** – On January 1st insurance companies are now approving 28 days of treatment once they submit the paperwork showing that is medically necessary. Glenn will be going to the Planned Provider Meeting in Syracuse to get more information on the insurance law changes.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2020.

Please see Attachments Below
ATTACHMENT – A

The Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center (FLGEC) through the HRSA Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) at the University of Rochester, and the Western New York Rural Area Health Education Center (WNY R-AHEC) present

Older Adults and Opioids – Webinar Series

This FREE webinar series will introduce participants to the evolving trends leading to the current opioid crisis in the United States and how the population of older adults are impacted.

Target Audience: Health care professionals, administrators, leadership teams, educators, and general public

An Overview of Addiction from a Medical Perspective
Date: Tuesday January 28, 2020, 12:30pm—1:30pm

Wisdom Keepers and Opioid Use – Influence of Stigma, Shame, Loneliness
Presenter: Edrita M. Wright, PhD, LCSW, CASAC, Associate Professor, Department of Human Services, SUNY Onondaga Community College
Date: Wednesday February 26, 2020, 12:30pm—1:30pm

Biopsychosocial Approach to Pain in Older Adults
Presenter: Paul Dougherty, DC, Adjunct Professor, New York Chiropractic College; Canandaigua VAMC
Date: Tuesday March 10, 2020, 12:30—1:30pm

Alternatives to Pain Medications
Presenter: Anna Ratka, PharmD, RPh, CPE, Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Wegmans School of Pharmacy. St. John Fisher College
Date: Thursday April 16, 2020, 12:30—1:30pm

The Opioid Epidemic — How we have gotten to this point, its’ effects on older adults, and where do we go from here?
Presenters: Thomas Caprio, MD, MPH, MS, Professor of Medicine/Geriatrics, Psychiatry, Dentistry, Clinical Nursing, & Public Health Sciences, Director, Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center (FL-GWEP), University of Rochester Medical Center; Ann Olin, MA, CRC, CASAC, CCM, Program Manager, Geriatric Addictions Program, Lifespan of Greater Rochester
Date: Thursday May 28, 2020, 12:30pm—1:30pm

Register at: http://i.mp/3acXTSZ
For more information, visit: www.urmc.rochester.edu/medicine/geriatrics/flgec/educational-events.aspx

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Nonprofit coalitions from across New York stand together in an historic coalition to call on the State to invest in a 3% increase on contracts and rates for the next 5 years for the survival of the sector.

Human service nonprofits provide vital services, including after-school programs, supportive housing, homeless services, job training, substance abuse disorder/addiction and mental health services to millions of New Yorkers annually.

Human services funding at the State has been slashed by 26% since 2008, resulting in rates lower than in 1980. The State continues to expect nonprofits to do more with less, but the sector cannot continue to provide quality services to communities without fair funding.

**fast facts:**

- Human services local aid has fallen by 5% annually since FY12. This historic disinvestment is unsustainable and has a direct impact on the quality and quantity of vital services available in every community.
- The human services workforce, upwards of 800,000 workers in New York State, bear the brunt of this disinvestment. Because wages have remained stagnant due to a lack of funding, the average human services worker is living at or below the poverty line.
- 60% of the workforce qualifies for some form of public assistance.
- 39% of New York human services organizations have less than three months of cash on hand.
- 68% of NY nonprofits anticipate not being able to meet the demands for services by their communities.
- 10 years since the state last provided a cost-of-living adjustment.

The State should not be using tax payer dollars to exacerbate the gender pay gap and create poverty level jobs. New Yorkers deserve qualified workers and consistent services, but with low and stagnant wages, turnover rates in parts of the sector are upwards of 40 percent. Continuing to ignore this workforce has a detrimental impact on the economy and our communities.

The State relies on nonprofits for a broad range of essential services, programs that touch the lives of every New Yorker. The State must restore critical funding to human services programs and invest in the workers who are the backbone of the economy and local communities.

Commit to the 3-FOR-5 investment to ensure that human services and the New Yorkers they serve can thrive!
Plan Provider Meeting

OASAS offers an opportunity for managed care plans and substance use disorder providers to attend regional forums to discuss the insurance law changes effective January 2020. These forums will provide an opportunity to hear from providers and plans about how to avoid retrospective denials and to improve communication. In this forum, providers and plans will have the opportunity to identify barriers, build relationships and ensure good care management for members and clients. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming meetings:

**Hampton Inn**  
1442 Western Ave  
Albany, NY 12203  
March 11, 2020  
9:30AM-1PM  
Register below:  
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PPM/March11

**Marriott Syracuse Downtown**  
100 E Onondaga St.  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
March 17, 2020  
9:30AM-1PM  
Register below:  
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PPM/March17

**Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel**  
Two Fountain Plaza  
Buffalo, NY 14202  
March 18, 2020  
9:30AM-1PM  
Register below:  
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PPM/March18

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Please note: if you are having trouble accessing any of the links in this announcement please email casainfo@centeronaddiction.org with the following info:

- Name
- Email
- Agency
- Title
- Program name & location
- Which session you'd like to attend

Thank you!
Data Table 6. Opioid burden (including outpatient emergency department visits and hospital discharges for non-fatal opioid overdose, abuse, dependence, and unspecified use; and opioid overdose death), crude rate per 100,000 population, by county, New York State, 2017

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Please join us for the 15th Annual

Walk a Mile in My Shoes
A suicide prevention and awareness event

May 2nd, 2020

9 am On-The-Spot registration opens

11 am Walk starts

Eldridge Park - Elmira, New York

A $15 donation provides a T-shirt and lunch while supplies last

Live performance by musical group

Vitamin L

Great raffle prizes!

More information at www.walkamile.net
or call: 607.737.5501