Substance Abuse Committee  
January 15, 2020

Present: Brian Hart, Glenn Jarvis, Erin Doyle, Desiree Rogers, Lisa Willson, Melinda Hester, Nicholas Moffe, Linda Waite, Jennifer Emery

Excused: Tara Fethers

Minutes:

Approved without changes.

Director of Community Services Report – Brian Hart

➢ Sara.Partners app: The Substance Abuse Regional Alliance has been working on this for a while now, and it is a free phone app that is now available. Brian passed out Arounja cards, as this is the company they have been working with on this Sara.Partners app. On this app you will find resources, commercials about addiction, and Brian encourages everyone to check it out as we as the SARApartners.com website. It's like a service directory, where you can find hospitals, private practitioners, organizations that help with addiction. It also has a satellite feature so you can actually see what the building actually looks like at street level. There will be one more change at the bottom of the map. There are little icons, and they want to make sure this app is user friendly so they will be putting verbiage to describe what each icon. The commercials on the app can be offered to other communities to use, as they can tweak the endings with their information.

➢ Positive Parenting RFP: On the OASAS website there is a new RFP for $900,000.00 for the expansion of preventative services. This is for children 0 to 12 and parents who are part of the opioid epidemic.

➢ New Field Office Director: Colleen Manns as the New Director will be taking over the meeting next month and we will have to see what is on the agenda. We have not heard who is going to replace Colleen in her old position.

Sharing by Community Members

➢ AIM – A Recovery Walk will take place on February 11, 2020. It will be at the Equinox in Albany. There will be a number of speakers, Legislators, and PEERS. After the speakers they will all walk to the Capital Building which is only a few blocks away. OASAS sent out some information on commercial insurance. It applies to hospitals and clinics and will get move information on it and share at next month’s meeting.
Drug Court – The annual Drug Court Professional Conference will be held in Saratoga Springs on March 4th and 5th. Mental Health will be on the agenda. Locally, we are waiting for a Case Manager to be hired here for our MH Court. They are getting closer to the interview process. In the spring will be visiting Auburn’s MH Court to see how they operate. Everyone is welcome to join in on the visit.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2020.