Mental Health Sub-Committee  
November 15, 2017

Present: Brian Hart, Shannon Oakes, Candie White, Kim Hughes, Samantha Born, Marilyn Christofaro, Melanie Rahr, Jeanne Chapple

Excused:

Minutes:

Approved without changes

Introductions:

Suicide Prevention Update—Shannon Oakes:

- **QPR Training**: Did three separate sessions with the Regional State DOT at the Regional office in Hornell. The state would not supply the material, so we supplied the materials for the training. One session was done each day to total over 150 employees. The majority were DOT workers and it was well received. Some managers approached Shannon to do follow up training of SafeTALK and Assist to a specific group of employees.

- **Recognizing Suicide Risk in Students Training**: Shannon went to Binghamton University to be trained and can now offer this training to school districts. This training is done with Teachers, Aides, District Staff, and Bus Drivers. It is a 1 hour training that discusses their roll in identifying students at risk. It’s important to be a piece of the puzzle and the solution, as you have a critical but limited roll. Trainers who do this training are required to do at least 3 a year.

- **Signs of Suicide Training**: Spent two days at Corning High School. Used the new online streaming of the videos. They have changed some of the language in these videos. They have taken out the word “committed”.

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainer**: Shannon and a Committee Member went to Albany for one week of Train the Trainer. Now they need to do 3 trainings within the next year. This is a full day training, and would benefit anyone who interacts with youth (except Clinicians). This training can also be done in two half day sessions (the schools utilized the ½ day sessions). Hopefully this training is free of charge. The Conference should provide the materials (which is $20 per book).

- **International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day**: Will be held November 18, 2017 12:00pm to 3:30pm at Care First in Painted Post. This is for someone who has lost someone to suicide.
Upcoming Events: Shannon will be on a panel this evening at Notre Dame High School. Tomorrow she will be at the Expanded Learning Center to do Self-Harm/Self Injury. On Friday she will be at the Regional Suicide Prevention in Owego, NY.

Committee News: Working on goals, the budget and talking to committee members for approval.

Director of Community Services report - Brian Hart:

HBCI Expansion: Home Based Crisis Intervention – NYS OMH is concerned about the amount of youth admitted to EPC. They have decided to expand HBCI, as they want it utilized more. The children and families will be referred through SPOA or the ER to CIDS. CIDS will be adding more staffing and supervision to handle the increased referrals. Each staff will be working with 2-3 families at a time. CIDS is currently looking to interview qualified staff. The expansion should be up and running by the end of the year. The question was asked if CIDS would be increasing their hours of operation so that they are there when families are available. The answer was that they did not know if the hours would expand, but did know that the current person in that position would not be there and there would be all new staff. Children and Families should not have to wait until a SPOA meeting to be committed to the program. It was mentioned that assessments can be very helpful, but sometimes they (the therapists) don’t get a copy. They can only be shared with consent, so once the consent is signed there shouldn’t be an issue receiving the information. Brian stated that if someone is having issues getting information that is needed to contact him.

Crisis Program: Something else that will be up and running by the end of the year is a change with Crisis. Family Services has Amy Jones in as a Temporary Coordinator as Scott Forbes has retired. There will be no more answering service. When you call the Crisis line (same phone number) the call will be forwarded to the Suicide Prevention Line in Ithaca and triaged.

Governor’s Suicide Prevention Task Force: The first Meeting will be held in Albany tomorrow. Brian Hart has been appointed to the State Committee, and he will have more information after the meeting.

BHCC: Behavioral Health Care Collaborative – The purpose is to get others besides Hospitals organized and ready for VBP in the next two years. Clinics are encouraged to belong to the network. If you are not a network provider they are asking you sign an attestation. Some are signing, and some are not. Brian Hart said that he cannot sign it, as it is up to the Chemung County Executive to make a decision to sign an attestation. There are three different networks, one is Catholic Charities and Hillside, one is Trinity/FLACRA, and one is a group of county directors that have formed a standalone not-for-profit organization. Problem is that some don’t want to be affiliated with each other, and do not want to work together. The State will recommend joining together in groups, and will see where it goes. With IPA’s an infrastructure and money needs to be there as it is expensive.
Court Orders: This is in regards to inpatient stays. They are writing orders that cannot be complied with. Two Doctors need to be involved, and when someone is court ordered to an inpatient stay in Chemung County that person is under the care and custody of Brian Hart. Brian is working with the Court to get orders that can be complied with. He met with Judge Tarantelli and her staff to recommend language to use when typing up these court orders. He also suggested they create a template. The court deals with more juveniles than adults. It is important to make sure that you have consent before sending out a subpoena for court. It costs the county $600.00 for a full inpatient day, and with a total budget of $80,000.00 for the year for court ordered inpatient care, it can be a challenge. Brian has worked on AOT’s which are completely different from Court Ordered Services. The focus is to make sure a person is brought to the hospital if needed, making sure they get priority with housing and working with case managers. SPOA is tracking AOT cases. Brian does not readily do AOT’s as he does an Informal AOT plan/DCS plan that is individualized instead as he already has the authority to send someone to the hospital, and doesn’t have an issue getting someone care management and housing if need be.

Sharing by Community Members:

- No Sharing/Updates were given.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2017.