**Mental Health Sub-Committee**  
**May 16, 2018**

**Present:** Brian Hart, Cynthia Cuyle, Rebecca Robertshaw, Marilyn Cristofaro, Lisa Daley, Katie Allard, Lois Bocchicchio, Lori Murphy, Alan Yeck, Tiffany Bloss

**Excused:** Annheleen Smith, Shannon Oakes,

**Minutes:**

Approved without changes

**Introductions:**

**Suicide Prevention Update—Brian Hart in Shannon’s absence:**

- **Walk A Mile Event:** The event seemed to be quite successful with approximately 2300 in attendance and 1755 t-shirts distributed. Over $35,000 was collected in t-shirt registration, in addition to $nearly $2200 in raffle sales, $2100 in merchandise sales and $3300 in miscellaneous donations for a total of approximately $42,600. Weather was beautiful and there was only one problem this year as a gentleman on the audio crew seemed to think he was in charge of the event, but Shannon seemed to handle the situation quite well.

**Director of Community Services report - Brian Hart:**

- **Health Home + Expansion:** Since its humble beginnings serving only individuals on AOT in 2014, and adding prison releases and state discharges in 2016, health + has now grown to include ACT step down cases, informal AOT (Individualized DCS plans), homeless, High utilizers of ED services with psychiatric admissions, criminal justice involved individuals, those ineffectively engaged in care, and those at the discretion of the DCS/SPO who are deemed appropriate.

- **In Home Telehealth:** OMH recently announce that it will be rolling out telehealth services that can be provided in home, but provide no further details. Being that they have yet to resolve the ability to bill for telehealth on both ends of the call visa CMS in an office setting without independent funding, it is believed that this will also be the case with his new service.

- **EPSTD:** Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment is a new federal mandate for the states to provide access to medical, dental and behavioral health care to low income individuals 21 and under. OMH has determined that these services will include “…(1) Crisis Intervention Services: services designed to interrupt and/or ameliorate a behavioral health crisis; (2) Community Psychiatric Supports & Treatment: interventions intended to achieve identified goals or objectives as set forth in a treatment/recovery plan; (3) Family Peer Support Services: formal and informal services provided to families of a child experiencing social, emotional,
developmental, medical, substance use, and/or behavioral challenges in their home, school, placement, and/or community; (4) *Youth Peer Advocacy and Training*: formal and informal services and supports to ensure engagement and active participation of youth in the treatment planning and implementation process; (5) *Other Licensed Practitioners*: service provided by a non-physician behavioral health practitioner operating within a licensed children’s mental health agency, who is licensed in New York and is operating within a scope of practice defined in New York State law in any setting permissible under such law, including community based settings; and (6) *Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services*: task-oriented services designed to compensate for or eliminate functional deficits and interpersonal and/or behavioral health barriers associated with behavioral health needs."

- **Legal cases:** Recently, The cancel for the Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors had reported on a law suit in which the case was claiming that by virtue of them being reportedly classified as “involuntarily” admitted under safeACT their confidentiality was breached, because he was in fact voluntarily admitted. However, he wasn’t reported under safeACT, but mistakenly reported as involuntary in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) system that has been in place for many years, so the case was dismissed. This could have many implications going forward as the NICS system is used by law enforcement just like safeACT, but has never been well published.

- The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2018.