Mental Health Sub-Committee
January 16, 2019

Present: Brian Hart, Tiffany Bloss, Shannon Oakes, Lisa Daley, Jacquelyn Collier, Lori Murphy, Marilyn Cristofaro, Lois Bocchicchio, Tarry Jochem, Beth Beckwith, Jennifer Hollenbeck, Jennifer Emery

Excused: Kellie Traugott-Knoll

Minutes:

Approved without changes.

Introductions:

Suicide Prevention Update—Shannon Oakes:

- **Committee News:** Shannon submitted the application to the City of Elmira to reserve Eldridge Park for the Walk-A-Mile Event May 4, 2019. They are working on the food, registration, t-shirts, which will be the same but with a few little tweaks. There are several new committee members, and they are thankful for those who have joined. Main focus right now is the Walk-A-Mile Event. Shannon showed a Mug prototype that they will be selling at the event. They are encouraging people to get their teams together for the event. They will be selling raffle tickets again this year. This is the 14th year for the event and the color of the t-shirts are top secret again. Those who want to find out the color of the t-shirts can sign up for t-shirt sorting/counting/folding day.

- **ASIST Training:** The next training will be at St. Bonaventure for 2 days. There may be a training at BOCES, but still waiting to hear, because they wanted to just do a partial training instead of a full training and Shannon explained that it has to be a Full Training, it cannot be a partial training.

- **SafeTALK Training:** Had the training at Trinity last week in their new conference room. The conference room is very nice and worked well for the training. There will be another training at the Corning Library on January 26th and it will be open to the public 1pm to 4pm.

- **QPR Training:** Had a training at Elmira High Schools Afterschool Program (they went through Kim Stanton at ECSD). It was an interesting session. This was one of many topics offered and the students seemed interested in it. The students loved the cards that they had made up that have positive messages on them.

- **SOS Training:** Going to do more of these trainings at Elmira City School District in March.
<p><strong>Director of Community Services report - Brian Hart:</strong></p>

- **St. Joe’s Par Update:** They have a two part process, the first PAR was to combine assets of St. Joe’s and Arnot so they would be under one tax ID. They submitted this and OMH had questions about the second PAR. The second PAR was to expand the ER at Arnot to include devoted psychiatric beds. Once individuals were evaluated and if determined eligible, they would be transported to the BSU at St. Joe’s. Brian has questions and concerns about this process. There is a potential of having transportation issues and AMA’s. There are some legal issues with this and they have decided to combine both PAR’s. The administration of the hospital has answered all question on the process, and as of today no decision has been made by OMH. A question was raised as to who would be billed for the ambulance ride from Arnot ER to St. Joe’s BSU, because it is not a transfer to a different hospital as they are the same hospital but different locations. A question was raised as to would we have adequate ambulance service available to handle the increased (900) demand? Maybe the hospital could do an internal ambulance. Brian stated that someone who leaves AMA he cannot do a pick-up order until the person is located. He will not do open ended pick-up orders. Hudson Valley and Rochester have a similar set up to what Arnot/St. Joes has and they were approved. Looking at long term goals, Arnot will bring the BSU over to the Arnot campus, but it will be at least 10 years down the road before this happens.

- **Universal SPOA Application:** Brian shared the Children’s Single Point of Access Application Part I and II. This is coming from the Department of Health, and is only for children. They are moving toward Health Homes. It is a very long application and is in the Department of Health’s hands for final approval. The individual filling out the application will need to do so with the family so they can ask them for information required in the application. There most likely will not be many changes to what you are seeing on the application today. This is a move to get more services to children. OMH says that SPOA still has a role. Brian will discuss this with Christy Harmer and Kellie Traugott-Knoll.

- **Children’s Medicaid Transformation Update:** Brian keeps getting updates weekly. This will provide child/family treatment support services. A child who is diagnosed DD with MH is not eligible for family PEER support services. To become a certified youth PEER, you have to have a minimum of a High School Education, 18 to 30 months of experience, completed the continuing education credits, and have three letters of reference. They need to be supervised. For Adult PEERS they waive the experience, this is effective January 1, 2019.

**Sharing by Community Members:**

- **APS/CARE:** Health Home Children will have 1st Choice as an option. They are gearing up for services to start April 1st, but more likely July 1st as they are still trying to figure things out. There is a waiver so they can access different services such as assisted technology, environmental modifications, and vehicle
modifications. It has been a lot of training to gear up and be ready for this to start. We don’t know the numbers yet of how many are eligible. In the most recent CFCO eligibility the information does not include the 18+ criterion.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2019.