Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee
April 18, 2018

Present: Brian Hart, Leisa Alger, David Andreine, Ed Lukomski, Renee Snyder, Pam Overdurf

Excused: Kellie Traugott-Knoll AJ Kircher,

Minutes:
Approved without changes.

Director of Community Services Report – Brian Hart

- **State Budget**: Brian noted that the analysis of the state budget had nothing substantial related to the developmentally disabled population that was new news to this committee. David noted that while the budget reflects an increase to the Nurse Family Partnership it is really just to cover last year’s expenses.

- **Health Home Waive Approval**: Brian briefly reviewed the news that OPWDD’s state plan amendment to start a health home was approved, and that is good news, but also bad news in that it is modeled after OMH’s children’s health home, which is an abysmal mess.

- **OPWDD data**: Brian shared a copy of one page county specific data issued by OPWDD through the Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, but it raised more questions that answers such as:
  1. What are the definitions for the categories? For example, is new to the front door and service authorizations for the use of the front door counting only people who have never used OPWDD services previously?
  2. What is the definition of “actively seeking placement” vs. waiting for placement? Who determines “actively”?
  3. The number of enrollments and additions to residential care seems accurate, but it would be helpful to have a comparison of how many aren’t enrolled and are awaiting a residential option. Most of the other numbers on the report seem very low to all of us.
  4. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, what does OPWDD think we will do with this brief snapshot of data?

- **Local 507 Plan Development**: Pam had requested an addition to the 2a.housing background section that information about the plans for ARC to open a 4+1 IRA and Housing Visions to finish a 45 apartment project, so they were added to the plan.

   Ed made a motion to approve the plan for submission to the Community Services Board, and it was seconded by Leisa. Approval was unanimous.
Sharing by Community Members:

Renee noted that AIM the 40 bed unit with 10 of which being set aside for IDD targeted to open in October. They will also be converting a different property to another mixed unit arrangement with 3-4 of the 18 beds for IDD and a targeted opening of 2019.

David noted that Jones Court is being renovated and there is a plan to provide onsite treatment, but it isn’t clear if that is medical only as no discussion has occurred with Brian.

Ed and Leisa discussed a law suit (Chautauqua County Chapter of NYSARC Inc. vs. Delany) in which the petitioner’s argument about the transformation rates was granted, and it was recommended that the respondent consider actual costs. Many other DD agencies are considering joining, or have sign on to a larger suit around this issue, but time is short.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2018.