Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee
August 15, 2018

Present: Brian Hart, Pam Overdurf, Sean Eagen, Kellie Traugott-Knoll, AJ Kircher, Rene’ Snyder

Excused: Ed Lukomski, Leisa Alger, David Andreine, Andy Yaniga, Katrina Stanton

Minutes:
Approved without changes.

Director of Community Services Report – Brian Hart

- **Health Homes**: The DD population is now being included for Health Homes to receive Care Management Services. Adult Care Management Agencies need to network to gather the knowledge needed for multiple services. The Department of Health has expanded to Health Home Plus that targets chronic mental health individuals with AOT orders with limitations. This has opened up possibilities that all care management facilities will need to meet their needs. The question was asked if there has been any discussion on cross over? It was stated with Prime Care it’s covered under Managed Care. They need to make it clear what diagnoses are eligible. SPOE/SPOA is not seeing them come through Health Homes. Need to start tracking, and figure out how to bill for DD services.

- **2 or 3 CCO’s?**: There are three CCO’s for our area and one of them is Southern Tier Connect which has its closest office in Binghamton. Their main office is out of Oneida and Chemung County is the farthest away that they cover. Capabilities is the only one from Chemung County has connected with them. The State may tell them if you haven’t done anything within Chemung County to drop the County from their coverage area. The transition to CCO’s went more smoothly than what we thought. There have been some revisions on the administrative/coverage level. It’s not working 100%, as Prime Care is Apple Compatible only.

- **Adolescent Dual Psych Unit - BPC**: It’s located in Buffalo, and it there is only one unit for adolescents. It might be worth a road trip to take a tour. A second potential Children’s Unit might open in the Syracuse area. There is an Adult unit in Buffalo as well. These units cover the entire state.

- **Acute Psychiatric Needs Part 2**: It continues, with no good answers. This is not something that is new, and people are not cross trained. Law enforcement and medical staff need to respond appropriately to these individuals. They need to use a Template to meet the individual needs. They need a good package/mechanism to access the needs. Communication is needed among staff, and there is a mismanagement of services. Most of it is occurring at the lowest level and not making it up the chain of command. You cannot shoot from the hip, this is an ongoing issue,
and it has been difficult and frustrating. We need to keep working on it to make it better. It was stated that there have been some improvements. We need to know who the players are and we need to have meetings to bring all the players together. The meetings will determine who is doing what, so that everyone knows what they will be working on. Everyone needs to know about the START program, and it is important that we are educating the community about the program.

- **ICF to IRA Conversion Update:** The rates are not working for all of the agencies based on if they own the properties or have mortgages. For Chemung ARC one will be converted in the next two weeks, and the other one will be converted by November 1\textsuperscript{st} 2018. Their buildings are paid for, so they do not have the property costs. If they had those costs if would be financially difficult. Able 2’s conversion is on hold.

- **Sharing by Community Members:**
  - **Update on AIM housing project:** It is a 50 unit complex on Maple Avenue in Elmira. It is 90% complete, 40 units are for seniors, and 10 units are for those who have Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities. They are accepting applications now. I/DD applications go through AIM and Senior applications go through Landsman Real Estate Services. If they get more eligible applications than the available units, they will do a lottery system to choose who will be moving in. They have to meet the eligibility requirements to qualify for the housing. There will be training set up in September, and they should receive the Certificate of Occupancy by October 19, 2018. Those who are accepted will be able to move into their apartment in November. AIM will be onsite to give support services. The Amenities include: fitness center, lounge, sitting room, laundry on each floor, individual storage units, and community computer stations. They will accept pets (cats and small dogs up to 35 lbs.). They have another housing project that they are working on for those who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. They will have units set aside for Veteran’s who are homeless and units set aside for those who are I/DD. The property was donated by Elmira College.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2018.