Present: Brian Hart, Carey Peters, Pamela Overdurf, Craig Mennig, Leisa Alger, Ed Lukomski, Danielle Adriance-Wensel, Dora Gorman, Sean Eagen

Excused: Rene’ Snyder, AJ Kircher

Minutes:

Approved without changes.

Director of Community Services Report – Brian Hart

Local Planning:

We need to determine objectives for support for transitioning youth from Early Intervention, but don’t qualify for OPWDD services. Perhaps we could utilize other supports, such as Family Support Services. Utilize redefined/consolidated waiver services and SPOA. SPOA meetings occur in Chemung County on a weekly basis. We need to bring all the possible players to the table quarterly to talk about what each offers. The system is not built for littles to age 8, there is not much to bridge the gap. In the Head Start Program there are a number of children with behavioral health issues. It has increased dramatically. How do they enhance support for them? There needs to be a Community Outreach, so they know what services are available in our community. This needs to be updated on a continuous basis. Family Services has a computer in the reception area to use to look up different services that are offered in the area.

We need to determine objective for housing (residential). This is on our local plan every year. We will probably never have enough housing. There are some mixed housing options becoming available in our area in the very near future. Another option is to have agencies/individuals purchase properties and become landlords to assist with the need in our community. We need to ask for more supervised housing opportunities, as they are just as important. Chemung County is 2nd to Monroe County with Developmental Disabilities funding matches. The data has gotten better, but the wait list process needs some adjustments. The ability to respond to a county and figure out what is a priority. We need to address emergent needs and have more access to non-emergency list.

We need to determine objectives for regulatory reform allowing for the use of technology as well as funding for it. It would be helpful if they would allow skyping/telemedicine for visits. The regulations do not match with the technology that is available today. Technology should enhance those providing services to individuals. There needs to be regulatory reformatting for the use of technology, due to some consumers living out so far from their care coordinators. OPWDD is still using paper forms. Agencies need electronic systems that are flexible when it comes
to collecting data. Flexible enough to pull the data that each insurance company is requesting (they all will want different data). We still don’t know the data points for VBP, we have been told it will be based on the HEDIS Measures.

We need to determine objectives for workforce issues. We need to advocate for the front line staff who have not had a cost of living increase sense 2010, and salaries need to increase. As for Direct Support Professionals, there are not a lot of good work force out there. We need to increase employment recruitment for attracting specialist (OT, PT, and Speech). We also need traveling doctors for those who are unable to go to a doctor’s office.

Brian asked the committee members if they wanted him to present the plan and objectives to the Community Services Board. They all agreed to allow it to move forward to the CSB.

- **Sharing by Community Members:**

  - **ARC of Chemung** – The Director of ARC of Schuyler will be retiring on July 1, 2019. They are looking at unification of Schuyler & Chemung down the road, with the Boards working together. Both agencies are in good shape financially. This will be a good opportunity for both agencies.

    On May 4, 2019 at 1:00pm at the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport will be “Wings for Autism/Wings for All”. This is an airport “rehearsal” program created to help prepare families for future travels. Participants will be able to go through check-in, TSA security, and will be able to board a plane to help become familiar with the process. If you have a family member with an intellectual or developmental disability including autism, this may be the event for you.

**The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2019.**