Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee
February 19, 2020

Present:  Brian Hart, Pamela Overdurf, David Andreine, AJ Kircher, Kellie Traugott-Knoll, Tina O'Herron, Carey Peters, Leisa Alger

Excused: Rene’ Snyder,

Minutes:

Approved without changes.

Director of Community Services Report – Brian Hart

- **IDD – ID’s:** Managed Care is back. They are transitioning, and right now it is voluntary, but eventually it will be mandated. We are not sure when the mandate will be put in place. A committee member stated that they heard that voluntary was to start in 2021 and mandatory was to start in 2022. Does anyone know who might be the lead agency for this? PCS-CCO has had conversations by themselves, but nothing has been put in writing. Nothing has been put out there about the rates for service providers. Expect to have cuts of some sort. Last April IDD Health Homes where supposed to start, but haven’t seen any of them. Hopefully there will not be 2 care managers doing the same services (ex: CCO & IDD). Next month Brian will be in Albany with the Central Office of OPWDD, and hopefully he will be able to get more information to share.

- **Sharing by Community Members:**

  **ARC of Chemung – START Update** – Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Resources and Treatment – The Clinical Team is not Nationally Certified. This program offers crisis prevention and intervention support to people with developmental disabilities and co-occurring mental health or behavioral health needs. The goal of the START program is to build relationships and supports across service systems to enhance the ability to support the person in need. In the Crisis Plan Development START Coordinators join existing systems to develop a crisis plan for an individual. OPWDD and the National START Program need to work some things out in this area. But during this planning process it includes assessing current systems of care, provide consultation, training and technical assistance to community partners and organizations to create a well-trained network that can better support individuals in distress. They have had good feedback in that they have been very helpful with the individuals and with the support services. Their biggest challenge is workforce, as they had the Resource Center Director position open for a year. They are also struggling to hire workers for the Center. From the data that they have they are reducing ER visits, and have success with diverting individuals into long term settings. Providers are confused as to what the START program does. At times they have had difficulty with receiving referrals and other times have been overwhelmed with referrals. They have 340 people currently enrolled in the program, with a ratio of 50/50 adults to children. They are giving 18 to 24 months for their short-term support services. Region 2 has asked them to assist with a few clients, and they are looking
into helping them out. They have monthly training services every 3rd Friday of the month. They are doing a lot more training with providers. START will provide a short term therapeutic support. We will provide coaches within the individuals system of care (ex: residence, day program, educational setting). This will assist with crisis stabilization, assessment, and identification of interventions to reduce stress for the individual and system. The Resource Center can help with short term planned or emergent therapeutic support for people who are 18 years of age or older. The National START Program takes its model very seriously, and they provide input on the model. There is some concern about the Resource Center and funding it, due to the State budget. The State verbally states they are in support of START, but we need to see what kind of funding they are willing to give to it. There will be some sort of contract we just don’t know the details yet, and will just need to see how it plays out. The question was asked how many developmentally disabled individuals in Chemung County have been sitting and waiting in the ER due to mental health/behavioral issues? The answer was that on average they see about 2 a year who have extended ER stays. Usually these are cases in which there is no easy solution and need local and state discussions for the individual. When they closed the Developmental Centers we lost a middle ground that doesn’t exist anymore. The State closed these Centers down without having something else in place. If we can collectively with other Counties gather data and show the need, hopefully the State will listen. There are some Individuals who need intensive treatment to become stable in order to have placement. Baker Victory has opened a treatment center for 10 to 12 Children. We need to educate the community about being dually diagnosed.

**Brian Hart** - Brian shared flyers for the Walk-A-Mile in My Shoes Event coming up Saturday May 2, 2020 at Eldridge Park. You can pre-register starting next month on the website. Please see Attachment A. Volunteers are needed for T-Shirt folding day March 24th and T-Shirt Distribution day at the YWCA on April 30th from 7am to 7pm and then also on the day of the event Saturday May 2nd.

**Capabilities** – ETCH – Elmira Tea & Coffee House is now open in Elmira at 100 W. Water Street, Elmira, NY 14901. At this time we are open 5:30am to 6pm Monday through Friday and 6am to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday. It is a social enterprise powered by Capabilities, Inc. This is our 2020 vision for employment services; an integrated, community based, social enterprise. With each purchase you make at ETCH, you support: job training, support and job creation specifically for individuals with disabilities and those recovering from substance abuse. You are supporting the opportunity for local entrepreneurs to showcase their talents, such as Tad’s Tasty Treats, and our featured artist. You are supporting products that are regionally sourced by individuals with disabilities including Highland Chocolates, handmade pies by Special Touch bakery, a variety of our own menu selections prepared by Capabilities, and mighty leaf tea, who utilizes individuals with disabilities to package their teas for national distribution. The furniture in ETCH was done by the upholstery shop at Capabilities. If anyone has any ideas or information on companies/individuals who we can collaborate with in selling/showing products made by individuals with disabilities or who are involved with in some way. At this time with are looking to connect with someone who works with pottery. Take a look at our menu on [www.etchcoffee.com](http://www.etchcoffee.com) and check out the Facebook page - Elmira Tea & Coffee House.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2020.
Please join us for the 15th Annual

Walk a Mile in My Shoes

More common than you think.
More preventable than you know!

May 2nd, 2020

9 am On-The-Spot registration opens

11 am Walk starts

Eldridge Park - Elmira, New York

A $15 donation provides a T-shirt and lunch while supplies last

Live performance by musical group

Vitamin L

Great raffle prizes!

More information at
www.walkamile.net
or call: 607.737.5501