

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
of CORTLAND COUNTY
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Revised – Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2022 - 12:00 NOON
Remote Virtual Meeting - WebEx

CHAIR: Tiffanie Parker ~ VICE CHAIR: Timothy Lockwood ~ DIRECTOR: Sharon MacDougall

Members Present: Tiffanie Parker – Chair, Aris Dysert, Beckey Lumley, Nicholas Lynch, Dean O’Gorman, Amanda Rainbow and Sara Watrous (6)

Members Absent: Timothy Lockwood, Jackie Leaf, Sara Watrous and Doug Bentley

Others Present: Sharon MacDougall (Director CCCS), Angela Romano (Family and Children Counseling Services), Tom Lipa (TC3 Teacher), Angie VanDeWeert (County District Attorney’s office), Lorrie Warren (Guthrie Cortland Medical Center), Matthew Skojec, Clinical Director of MH Programs (Cortland County Community Services) and Gail Spitzer (Secretary) (13)

Call to Order: 12:03 p.m. – by Chair, Tiffanie Parker

Minutes

As everyone logged on, Tiffanie Parker welcomed and thanked everyone for attending – Welcome new member Dean O’Gorman, also presenting today / also Clinical Director of Mental Health Programs, Matthew Skojec – welcome and congratulations

Agenda Item: Approval of Meeting Minutes March 2, 2022 Motion requested by Chair, Tiffanie Parker – no changes comments or corrections to the Minutes;

✓ Motion made by Amanda Rainbow, seconded by Nicholas Lynch – unanimously approved

Agenda Item: Presentations:

Dean O’Gorman – Friday event at Library “It Could be Anyone” Link to event: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uQAis5qQeskcNbd5FFUsZAXC9VDbsKzy/view> 12 photos on display at the Cortland Library – secondary project to allow people to get on line and share their own story – last five years noticed a decrease in stigma and shift to openness / The book “Undoing Drugs” at the center of this event – many organizations and nonprofits have been purchasing books for distribution (HEALING Communities, CACTC, Central Region Resource Center, et. al.) – current supplies almost depleted, more books on the way – display will remain through end of April at Library / Post from Angela Romano in the chat: <https://www.zackbolton.com>

Agenda Item: Community Updates:

(Angela Romano in CHAT): from Angela VanDeWeert Public Defender's Office to everyone: 12:38 PM
I would love insight on individuals who are currently being served by the Public Defender's Office who are now categorized as individuals who are no longer eligible for housing options through DSS as well as Catholic Charities due to decisions made in the past. Are there other housing opportunities that I should look into for these individuals or would you recommend that they seek housing options outside the county? If that is the case, would the county assist the individual relocate to the surrounding areas? I have two individuals specifically that I am really struggling with and I want to make every effort to assist them find adequate housing so they are less likely to reoffend resulting in additional charges against them. Thank you for your assistance. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Amanda Rainbow (Supervisor Adult Services, Department of Social Services) – concern about no shelters now that the weather has gotten warm – homelessness for a variety of reasons – DSS and CCOCC meet regularly to discuss – partner with ATI and WWC

Angela Romano (F&CCS) – increase in cases and decrease in peers – Police Department and Guthrie hospital continue to refer calls

Sharon MacDougall (Director County MH Clinic) – workforce stress – people leaving because of pay – also harder to hire – cannot offer competitive pay – huge caseloads have required shut down of new referrals unless crisis involved or discharge from hospital, jail – on the positive side, some of the existing vacancies are due to promotions to fill spot of retiring staff / COTI Partnerships in late April to distribute and educate Narcan

Agenda Item: Director’s Report (report below) Sharon MacDougall, DCS

OASAS Division of Budget report shared – NYS Budget did not pass last Friday as had been expected – Dr. Anna Kelles, Assembly person representing Cortland – contact information provided – 518-455-5444 Albany office – Sharon: Assemblywoman Kelles will respond / Overdose Mapping and Application Program – provides real time suspected overdose surveillance data – hidta.org/odmap/ Cortland County has been approved by OASAS to utilize this free database

In Cheektowaga, NY, ODMAP is used as a tool to facilitate communication between police and the local health department. The health department utilizes ODMAP to identify recent overdose victims, and then contacts the Police Department to obtain identifying information on the victim, through the police report. Once identified, police and peer recovery specialists conduct outreach to the victim to discuss treatment and recovery options. Additionally, police can refer other individuals they encounter, who may be interested in treatment options.

From September 1, 2017- May 1, 2018, 37 clients were identified, 25 through ODMAP, and 12 through direct referral. At the 60 day mark, 19 were in treatment, 1 was in jail on an existing warrant, 8 refused treatment but will continue to be contact every 30 days, 2 are working with a peer to identify a program, and 7 have not rejected treatment but have not committed to it.

NYS has not released any information about the Local Services Plan – there is a hold up due to budgetary concern -

Tiffanie Parker – Next meeting is the Joint Subcommittees and CSB **May 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**

**No meeting scheduled until September after the Joint meeting – subject can be revisited and possibly add meetings depending on the needs of the individuals – could be a vote of all members at the Joint meeting

Sharon thanked Tiffanie Parker and Patty Schaap (not present) for their hard work in trying to secure a SAMHSA grant – focus youth who meet the definition of SED Seriously Emotionally Disturbed with a holistic approach – including prevention and treatment for substance use

Agenda Item: Adjourn Chair: Tiffanie Parker – THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS, THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED 1:10 p.m.

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