

Joint Mental Health & Substance Abuse Subcommittee
April 6, 2018

Present: A. Molloy, M. Schmidt, K. Cook, S. Smith, J. Munyon, T. Alvaro, J. Beebe, J. Robertson, K. Rappleyea, R. Evansky, J. Neifeld, S. Ball, S. Dwinell, S. Mowrey, A. Townsend-Burch, D. Klippel, D. Alloy

Staff: R. York, L. Coutu, C. Lawrence

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Introductions	Introductions were made around the table and the meeting began at 10:05am.	N/A
Agency/Program Presentations: Open Door – Kim Cook, President/CEO	<p>The Open Door has been in the community since 1991. It started mainly as a meal site but they quickly recognized the need for emergency housing. They have purchased 226 Warren St. Phase 1 of their Pathway Home Campaign will provide a permanent home for the Code Blue shelter with construction and renovation currently being completed. They hope to have a ribbon cutting May 1st. Resource Director, Shelley Smith and Program Director, Jamie Munyon described their duties. These included coordinating Bridges Out of Poverty trainings and supervising the Code Blue Shelter. Code Blue had approximately 60 guests this past winter, providing referrals to other agencies/resources and companionship for their guests.</p> <p>Their main goal is to grow and collaborate with more partners. In the new building they are planning a Resource Center with classroom space, a computer lab with 8 computers, a Chapel, a dayroom with laundry area, internet café, comfy furniture and offices, a free medical clinic, a barbershop, a food pantry and dining room that will seat 100 people. They are writing a Federal Home Loan Bank Grant for \$1.5 Million in May and hope to have funds in October for the Emergency Shelter which will be 50 beds, currently 8 beds, with construction starting late fall and hoping for more beds next year. They are still looking for additional funding to start Phase 2 and 3 in Fall.</p> <p>For further information, please call 518-792-5900; visit their website at www.opendoor-ny.org, or email them at volunteer@opendoor-ny.org. To learn more about Bridges out of Poverty go to www.opendoor-ny.org/bridges. To view the video and pledge forms for the Pathway Home Capital Campaign please go to www.opendoor-ny.org/pathwayhome.</p>	N/A

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<p><u>Agency/Program Presentations:</u> GFH Crisis Center – Theresa Alvaro, Service Line Administrator, Glens Falls Hospital</p>	<p>T. Alvaro discussed updates on the Crisis Unit and the IDT Program. The Crisis Stabilization Unit has an opening date of June 4th with 7 beds, a dayroom for 4-5 people, a nurse's station and two bathrooms. They have established new protocols for the programs related to Substance Abuse Disorders and Senior Adults so that everyone gets a full assessment and treatment plan before they leave. With the space in the new Center the children and adolescents will now stay in the crisis unit in the dayroom instead of being sent to the Emergency Department or elsewhere. They are putting more advanced protocols in place for the Psychiatrists. They are providing 24/7 coverage of nurses and techs but are struggling with nurse coverage even though they are advertising. The referral process isn't going to change nor is the pick-up order process. There will be more to come with the Peers Program in collaboration with PEOPLE Inc and the Crisis Team.</p> <p>The Intensive Day Treatment Program is going to close and transition the people into the Adult Outpatient Clinic. There will be no change in Psychiatry, staffing or transportation but they will add an Intensive Outpatient Program with two pathways one traditional and one intensive program; including group and individual therapy more times per day and per week, also new groups and schedules. About 50% of the people want to go to the Liberty House or to East Side Center; Theresa will set up meetings. They are hoping to transition in mid- May.</p> <p>When restructuring the Children's Program they want to see more kids with special needs get the most care they need. Currently they are seeing 75 kids with autism diagnosis and have wait list. They are making staffing changes to accommodate. They are committing that by July they can offer at least 6 hours of open access time. Tele-psychiatry will be ready in April in the Cambridge office for about 200 patients. A. Molloy suggested looking up Project Teach Program through OMH to see if they can fill any gaps.</p>	
<p>2019 Local Services Planning Cycle</p>	<p>R. York provided a 2018 Local Services Plan Priority Outcome Areas handout. The plan is due June 1st and we will be putting together a survey via email for participation. Timely access to outpatient supports, Expanding housing options, and Workforce recruitment and retention were the top three areas to look at.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p><u>2018 – 2019 NYS Budget Update:</u> MHANYS budget update document</p> <p>Budget request: \$12.8 million—Jail-based SA tx/release svcs</p>	<p>R. York included the MHANYS 2018-19 budget update since the statewide association hasn't issued theirs yet. He outlined a few areas in the update such as School Mental Health Resource and Training Center, Workforce, Housing, Crisis Intervention Teams, Reinvestment, Health Home Funding, Prescriber Prevails, Mental Health First Aid, Social Work Licensure, Veterans Mental Health, Adult Home Update, Children's Mental Health Waiver, Ombudsperson Program for Behavioral Health, Suicide Prevention and Jail-Based Restoration.</p> <p>CLMHD requested \$12.8 million annually in a state allocation that they did not receive but they did get \$3.75 million to provide funding for Counties to contract or develop jail based substance abuse and treatment services onsite or in the jails. More to come as it progresses.</p>	N/A
<p><u>Medicaid Managed Care Issues:</u> DSRIP BH-related project updates</p> <p>HCBS Services updates</p>	<p>R. Evansky and K. Rappleyea from AHI updated us that peer integration, screenings and work groups launched, and mobile crisis are all going well. Some Innovation Grants for the warm line plus another unit are still being looked at and possibly funded in May or June along with some other grants.</p> <p>J. Beebe stated they have 3 people receiving services, referrals are slow billing is going well. A. Townsend-Burch stated they have one person at Caleo receiving services, no referrals as well. OMH should be doing surveys to find out where the problem is.</p>	N/A
<p>Hometown vs. Heroin and Addiction update</p>	<p>J. Neifeld from Baywood stated there will be a forum in Whitehall at the end of April, a Recovery Walk and a Community Resource fair in Glens Falls in September. The next meeting is April 10th at 3pm at the Council.</p>	N/A
<p><u>Informational Items:</u> Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)</p> <p>Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team</p> <p>School-based MH Clinic expansion</p>	<p>CIT Training is coming up April 23rd-27th primarily for Warren County Sheriffs but other law enforcement was welcomed. R. Evansky said thank you to everyone who is presenting and also going to the training.</p> <p>Funding has been received through OMH; Parsons received the bid and they will be presenting during the July meeting.</p> <p>R. York put together a table showing the Warren and Washington County schools that have developed or are in active development of school-based</p>	N/A

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<p><u>Informational Items: continued</u> School-based MH Clinic expansion continued</p>	<p>mental health clinic services. The table also includes 2016 district enrollment data. Including districts currently in the process of developing the service, students and their families will have on-site access to mental health clinic services in 4 of the top 5 school districts (by enrollment) for both counties. Parsons is currently providing services in Queensbury, Cambridge (also serves Salem and Greenwich), and Hartford Central School District. They are in the application process for Hadley-Luzerne and Warrensburg districts. CDPC currently has clinic satellite services in Glens Falls City School District and Hudson Falls School District. WWAMH currently provides clinic satellite services in both Granville and Whitehall school districts.</p>	
<p><u>Agency Reports:</u> Liberty House</p> <p>OCS-SPOA</p> <p>Washington Co Youth Bureau</p> <p>Parsons Mobile Crisis</p> <p>HHHN</p> <p>Washington Co OFA & NYConnects</p>	<p>J. Beebe replaced their employment specialist and wants to hire a second one.</p> <p>L. Coutu stated she is excited for the ACT team; access will go through Adult SPOA.</p> <p>S. Mowrey noted a few trainings coming up: Responding to Sex Crimes Against Children April 30th at 9am and Protect Your Children April 30th at 6pm at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls. Warren County Safe Harbor training in May.</p> <p>S. Dwinell stated they have a new director, Jennifer Eslick. They are trying to streamline their services by cross-training the adult and children teams.</p> <p>D. Alloy says they continue to evolve. They are wrapping up behavioral health integration and expansion to 90 South St and HHHN plans to open two new Health Centers one in Plattsburgh and one in Moreau. They are implementing a pilot program for diabetes care; they have medical student and resident training; and their MAT services continue to evolve as well. Next iteration is to accept referrals and have a partnership with Conifer Park.</p> <p>Visit the website www.nyconnects.ny.gov to get help with long term services and supports or call 518-746-2420 or 1-800-848-3303.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p><u>Agency Reports: continued</u> MH Association of NYS Director of Education</p> <p>Rose House</p> <p>AHI Health Home</p> <p>Baywood</p> <p>AMH</p>	<p>A. Molloy stated they are hoping to receive the funding for the school mental health resource and training center but they aren't sure. They are expanding their family engagement and advocacy supports. There is a documentary coming in May that the Council and AMH put together going to be shown at the Wood Theatre along with the Mental Health Celebration and a walk.</p> <p>D. Kleppel stated the Rose House is doing well. They had 11 guests last month. PEOPLE Inc. did receive funding of \$2.38 Million for a 20-bed detox to be opened between the Mid-Hudson-Albany areas which he plans to be a part of. He is participating in a workshop May 2-5th.</p> <p>J. Robertson said if anyone is struggling with HARP or wants information on Health Home please contact her as she sits on a subcommittee.</p> <p>J. Neifeld said they are looking to lease space in Washington County. They have over 180 clients and a staff of 12 with 2 part time people. The new space would have 2 extra offices and she plans on having 2 counselors and an intake coordinator part time. They had 115 walk-ins between January and March; 75 for Washington and 45 from Warren. She put in for the transformation fund but hasn't heard about it yet. She wants to place a full-time counselor in the community possibly at the Open Door. Salem School and the Rotary contacted her about services in their area. She is also interested in telehealth. They are having new brochures made and will have them available for the next meeting.</p> <p>A. Townsend-Burch stated they received approval from OMH for an elevator in Maple St Apartments with construction starting soon. They received a transformation grant for 2 LPN's to incorporate LPN nursing services in Residential and East Side Center. The clinics in Whitehall and Granville schools and Adirondack Pediatrics are going well. They are looking to expand East Side after hours with another grant. Looking to hire 2 Part time Counselors and a part time peer specialist and expand peer supports with food and transportation provided. Hoping to be operational in June for members (8-7 m-f and 11-2 sat) and fully open in July to anyone. Josh Gray will be the new director starting April 11th.</p>	

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Adjournment and Next Meeting	<i>Meeting adjourned at 11:45am. The next meeting of the Mental Health / Substance Abuse Subcommittees of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Friday, July 6, 2018 10a-12 noon at 230 Maple St., Glens Falls.</i>	N/A

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Lawrence, Secretary to the Boards