## Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties Warren County Community Services Board Washington County Community Services Board November 14, 2019

## **Warren County**

Present: Kimberly Brayton Ph. D; Chair, Joan Grishkot, Vice Chair; Christina Bessen, Maureen Schmidt, Belinda Bradley, Cindy Wasson, Holly Irion

Excused: Amy Molloy, James Dexter

**Washington County** 

Present: Heather Adams-Wendell-Chair; Desiree Boucher; Michelle Burke; Linda Michaud, Claire Bromley, Mary Alice Murphy

Excused: Tammy DeLorme, Vice-Chair; Patty Hunt

**<u>Staff:</u>** Robert York, Harry Carlson, Crystal Lawrence, Carrie Wright, Lisa Coutu,

<u>Guests:</u> Paul Scimeca, Jonathan Pine, Marlana Cannata, Mary McLaughlin, Dillon Swertner, David Alloy, Karen Baker, James Button; CEO CAI, Jim Forbes; Interim CEO CAI, Martha Dishman; Board President CAI

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
Call to order	A quorum was confirmed for both Warren and Washington Counties and the November regular joint Meeting of the Community Services Boards was convened at 3:00pm.	Meeting was Chaired by Kim Brayton and Heather Adams- Wendell.
Approval of Meeting Minutes of Regular joint meeting of CSB	Approval of the minutes of the October 10, 2019 joint meeting of the Community Services Boards.	Warren Motion: M. Schmidt Second: H. Irion Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
	Approval of the minutes of the October 10, 2019 joint meeting of the Community Services Boards.	Washington Motion: C. Bromley Second: M. Burke Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
Presentation: Citizens Advocates, Inc.	James Button, CEO provided a presentation to the Boards regarding Citizen Advocates, Inc. Originally founded in 1975, Citizen Advocates, Inc. (CAI) served as a work program for individuals with a need for developmental and behavioral health support. At the time, the organization had 12 employees serving 50 individuals. Today, they employ 750 health professionals and support staff that provides a broad range of services with	Motion for Open Discussion:  First: J. Grishkot Second: B. Bradley Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote

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Presentation: continued Citizens Advocates, Inc.	compassion and skill to 6,500+ individuals on an annual basis. With Administrative Offices in Malone, NY they provide Developmental Disability, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services with 125 programs throughout Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Hamilton and St. Lawrence counties. For more information visit them on the Web at <a href="https://www.citizenAdvocates.net">www.citizenAdvocates.net</a>	
	CAI intends to assume outpatient mental health and addiction clinic services of GFH as well as their Family Services Support program, including staff employment, in the Spring of 2020. A letter of recommendation has been submitted from GFH to OCS, next steps include the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and further due diligence processes. If approved by the Community Services Boards today, CAI will submit a letter of intent to both NYS OMH and OASAS to begin the State application process for licensure/certification to provide these services in Warren and Washington Counties. Regular updates will be provided to the CSB. The PowerPoint presentation has been attached to the minutes.	
New Business: Outpatient Clinic and Family Support Services	The Ad-Hoc Committee met just before the CSB Meeting. They were all approved to make a recommendation for the Community Services Board for Citizen Advocates, Inc. to take over the GFH Outpatient Clinic Services and any related behavioral health services that Glens Falls Hospital will be discontinuing.	Motion: Ad-Hoc Committee Second: CSB Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
Updates/Informational items: Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for Law Enforcement	C. Wright explained Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and said local training was completed this month with 10 participants from various local law enforcement agencies, alternative sentencing, probation and SUNY Adirondack. M. McLaughlin added the feedback from those present was great.	N/A
2020 County budget update	The 2020 County departmental budgets have been submitted to both Counties and should be voted on at the November Board of Supervisors meetings.	

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2020 CSB meeting calendar	The 2020 CSB meeting calendar was included in the agenda packets.	
Additional items	Welcome Mary Alice Murphy to the Washington County Community Services Board and International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day November 23 <sup>rd</sup> at SUNY ACC 11-2pm.	
Adjournment and next meeting	The meeting was adjourned at 4pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Community Services Boards will be held at 3p on December 12, 2019 at the Council for Prevention 214 Main Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, Hudson Falls.	