

Joint Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Subcommittee
October 11, 2019

Present: Vanessa Taylor, Keith Stack, Jeff Torres, Marlana Cannata, Mary McLaughlin, Susan McManus, Dillon Swertner, Andrea Deepe, Julie Beebe, Jackie Foster, Melanie Giulde, Stephanie Ball, Rebecca Evansky, Jennifer Neifeld, Lisa Baker, Jolynn Pierce, Rebecca Ryan, Matthew Ryan, Kellee Strong, Dave Alloy

Staff: Robert York, Harry Carlson, Carrie Wright, Crystal Lawrence

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Introductions	Introductions were made around the table and the meeting began at 10:00am.	N/A
<u>Adirondack Peer-to-Peer Program- Vanessa Taylor, MA, Program Coordinator & US Veteran</u>	<p>V. Taylor introduced herself and the Program; originally launched in 2012 with 23 counties included; this is the first Dual County.</p> <p>They are “Serving Those Who Served” We start every day with a fresh commitment to making life better for the brave men and women who risk so much to protect our freedom and our country. With a deep understanding of their complex needs and the challenges they face, we are pushing ourselves to enhance Peer-to-Peer Support Services and expand access in a multitude of accommodations. We believe it’s up to all of us to make sure Veterans can enjoy the health and happiness they deserve.</p> <p>It Takes a Community to Reintegrate Our Veterans.</p> <p>Having a successful career in the military is without a doubt a major accomplishment. And no matter how many years you've spent in uniform you have a highly sought-after skill set in the civilian world. We want you to know that you are not forgotten!</p> <p>Are there services that you wish were available to you? At the bottom of your submission please state whether or not you would like to have your story shared? Once we get a website up and running we will be putting the stories for others to read!</p> <p>Please send submissions to Vanessa Taylor, the Peer-to-Peer Program Coordinator at veteranspeertopeer@gmail.com. Call 518-760-2056 or visit their website on Facebook: Adirondack Peer to Peer- Warren & Washington Counties for upcoming FREE Events.</p>	

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<p>Addictions Care Center of Albany- Keith Stack, CEO Residential Services Update</p>	<p>K. Stack stated they are finishing renovations at the 18 bed Women's Residence at 79 Glenwood Ave in Queensbury and hopes to be opening December 1st. They are having a Job Fair at the Queensbury Hotel with interviews set for staffing and will have a CEO onboard October 28th. They have a Men's Residence contract in place and hope to start renovations in March/April 2020.</p>	
<p>State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant Services</p>	<p>R. York discussed the NYS Opioid Response (SOR) Grant increasing access to addiction treatment services in rural communities. It's a one-time funding of up to \$150,000 for each County that providers will be requested to develop a proposal and budget justification for funds for the expansion of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services.</p>	
<p>Center Of Treatment Innovation (COTI)</p>	<p>J.Torres, LMHC, CASAC introduced the COTI Program establish with SOR funds. Their Program is to provide a Mobile Outreach Services, Telemedicine, Peer Support Services and MAT Services. To connect with Jeff via Email at jtorres@theacca.net or call 518-410-5258.</p>	
<p>Warren County Jail-Based SUD Treatment Services</p>	<p>R. York discussed the Jail-based SUD treatment funding of \$60,000 for each County. Warren County is working with ACCA; who introduced Bill who is a retired Corrections Officer working on pre-release and post-release programs in the Jail. They will have 1 Men's and 1 Women's group and 1:1 Counseling. MAT services are in Washington County already with 3 stages of approach and a CASAC 1 day/8 hours a week.</p>	
<p>Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Update</p>	<p>M. Cannata met with providers and signed a non-disclosure agreement and she also met with her staff regarding discontinuing outpatient services. Recommendations will be coming within the next few weeks. They are not closing Inpatient Services, the Crisis Unit, Health Home, or Care Management Services. R. York stated there might have to be and RFP for Family Support and Children's Services. Northern Rivers submitted an application to NYS Office of Mental Health for the additional outpatient mental health clinical services (serving up to 500 children/youth and up to 500 adults) to be provided in Glens Falls to help increase capacity and access to care.</p>	

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Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team Update	Northern Rivers ACT Team continues treatment with their 48-slot program currently having 27 people enrolled. They are serving the most severe and resistant people at home or in the community with referrals going through the Office of Community Services SPOA.	
DSRIP	M. McLaughlin spoke about DSRIP updates. The last DSRIP year ends in March of 2020. The Department of Health will be applying in November to the federal government for a 4 Year extension of DSRIP; DSRIP 2.0. They are also applying for a Rural Health Grant in December for North Country Innovation Project with multiple Providers to decrease the cost of care.	
Hometown vs. Heroin and Addiction updates	S. McManus told us the 5K was very successful with over 100 people in attendance and they are already planning next year as a more family friendly event. The Neo-Natal Unit is going well.	
Agency Updates/Additional Items:	R. York discussed items in the packet and allowed for Agency Updates.	
Rose House/People USA	D. Swertner stated they have a full staff and attended the Resource Fair.	
AMH-Residential	A. Deepe said the Maple St., Hudson Falls renovations are in the works and they are finally going to have an elevator.	
Baywood	J. Foster and J. Neifeld informed us that services are running as usual. They have added 3 new programs; ABLE, YMCA Community Wellness and a Peer Support and Outreach, Referrals through Baywood. They have also partnered with AHI & GGFT in utilizing UPLIFT for transportation.	
Washington County Drug Court	M. Giulde stated that all the services and activities that are available are very helpful and she is very appreciative.	
AHI	R. Evansky reminded us that CIT training is in Oct-Nov the goal is to utilize the resources available.	
CFR	S. Mcmanus said that although they are having staffing issues at the moment the services are still available at HF. Their Opioid Diversion Program is expanding. Through the SOR Grant they were able to see 228 people (62 w/ Opioid disorder) bedside at GFH.	
	S. Ball reminded us that Open Enrollment has begun with Medicare/	

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Agency Updates/Additional Items cont. OFA/NYConnects ACCA HHHN CJCS AMH- Dual Recovery AMH	<p>Medicaid plans changed to include Mental Health.</p> <p>K. Stack is excited to be in the Community and to collaborate with Baywood and others.</p> <p>D. Alloy thanks GFH and is excited for integration. He anticipates more aggressive outreach to Substance Abuse Providers.</p> <p>C. Wright has had meeting with Law Enforcement and Probation to discuss gaps in services, sustainability and outcomes of SIM and LEAD programs. They meet the first Thursday every month.</p> <p>R. Ryan plans to go live in November with 400 flyers to put out into the community. More info plus a 1 page app will be on the AMH website.</p> <p>A. Deepe says they are wrapping up their external mental health and first aid training, they've added 3 new trainers for adults. East Side Center After Hours is running Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4-7pm still looking for sustainability. The LPN program is booming and they are looking to hire another. Caleo Open Access has had a steady 3 people per week. She is staying positive regarding Cooper St. They have started a Peer task force with computer labs available and LTC Mental Health with Fort Hudson task force internally.</p>	
Adjournment and Next Meeting	<i>The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm. The next meeting of the Mental Health / Addiction Recovery subcommittees of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Friday, January 10, 2020, 10a-12 noon at 230 Maple St. Glens Falls.</i>	N/A

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Lawrence, Secretary to the Boards