

Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties
Warren County Community Services Board
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February 8, 2024

Warren County

Present: Kim Brayton-Chair, Holly Irion-Vice Chair, Cindy Wasson, Belinda Bradley, Sue McManus, Deidre Grieve, Nina Mastrianni (nominated)

Excused: Greg Canale

Washington County

Present: Tammy DeLorme-Vice Chair, Mary Alice Murphy, Sue Mowrey, Adele Potter, Tina McDougall, Lt. Kristen Hardy, Jen Hogan

Excused: Heather Adams-Wendell-Chair, Linda Michaud

Staff: Rob York, Crystal Mallory, Linda Wright, Harry Carlson, Carrie Wright, Tracy Terry

Guests: Jason Enser, Christina Maresco

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
2024 Organizational Meetings – Call to Order	A quorum was confirmed for both Warren and Washington County and the 2024 Organizational Meetings for the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards was convened.	Kim Brayton-Chair called for introductions.
2024 Warren County Organizational Meeting Report	<p>Election of Officers Kim Brayton, JD, PhD - Chair (Two-year term: 1/1/24 – 12/31/25) Holly Irion, LMHC - Vice-Chair (Two-year term: 1/1/24 – 12/31/25) Crystal Mallory - Secretary to the Community Services Board (Two-year term: 1/1/24 – 12/31/25).</p> <p>The dates and time of the regular meetings of the Warren County CSB were established to be the 2nd Thursday of the month at 3 p.m., with no meeting to be held in August.</p> <p>Standing Committee and Subcommittee assignments were appointed as presented in the Board packets.</p>	<p>Warren County Motion: C. Wasson Second: S. McManus Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p> <p>Warren County Motion: C. Wasson Second: B. Bradley Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p>
2024 Washington County Organizational Meeting Report	<p>Election of Officers (No election of officers, they are mid-term). Heather Adams-Wendell – Chair (Term: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024) Tammy DeLorme – Vice-Chair (Term: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024) Crystal Mallory – Secretary to the Community Services Boards (Term: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024).</p> <p>The dates and time of the regular meetings of the Washington County CSB were established to be the 2nd Thursday of the month at 3 p.m., with no meeting to be held in August.</p> <p>Standing Committee and Subcommittee assignments were appointed as presented in the Board packets.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Washington Co Motion: M. Murphy Second: A. Potter Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p>

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Regular Meeting – Call to Order	A quorum was confirmed for both Warren and Washington County and the February 8, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards was convened.	K. Brayton-Chair conducted the meeting.
Meeting Minutes	<p>Minutes of the November 9, 2023 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval.</p> <p>Minutes of the January 11, 2023 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval.</p> <p>Minutes of the November 9, 2023 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval.</p> <p>Minutes of the January 11, 2023 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval.</p>	<p>Warren County Motion: C. Wasson Second: S. McManus Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p> <p>Washington Co Motion: A. Potter Second: J. Hogan Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p>
New Business: Warren County CSB resignation & nomination	Warren County CSB resignation of Chris Hanchett and nomination of Christina “Nina” Mastrianni were presented for a vote. C. Mastrianni introduced herself; 15 years at DSS, 5 years as Deputy Commissioner, vote next week to be appointed as Commissioner. D. Grieve also reintroduced herself; she is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker; 9 years at Big Cross School as a school social worker; Clinical Supervisor for the GFH Crisis Clinicians and is doing some work with Adirondack Enrichment/Heidi Underwood to improve/enhance social work services for children with autism and their families. Both Deidre and Nina are welcomed to the CSB.	Warren County Motion: B. Bradley Second: C. Wasson Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
Presentations: Liberty House Foundation – Jason Enser, Executive Director & Christina Maresco	Jason & Christina of Liberty House, provided an overview presentation of the agency and programming along with a tour. Liberty House is a not-for-profit agency founded in 1972 and is part of the Clubhouse movement pioneered by Fountain House in New York City. The Clubhouse is operated together by individuals with mental illness and/or developmental disabilities--known as members. Individuals who reside in Warren, Washington, and Saratoga Counties, who are at least 18 years of age, who have a	

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<p>Presentations: continued Liberty House Foundation – Jason Enser, Executive Director & Christina Maresco</p>	<p>diagnosed mental illness or developmental disability are eligible for membership, which is free except for minimal food costs. Members and staff work side-by-side to facilitate the operation of the clubhouse. Through this work, they begin the process of rehabilitation, develop relationships, and begin to trust, enhance and refine skills they never knew they had. At Liberty House they believe that every member can work, regardless of their lack of work history, past work history, number of hospitalizations, education or experience. There are no requirements except a sincere desire to work. Through their own work, members discover that they can contribute to the world and that they are needed. Clubhouse Programs include Day Training Services; transportation to and from programs and appointments, daily lunch and snack bar services. Their vocational training units include Food Service, Clerical, Snack Bar, and Maintenance. Activities within these units include weekly recreational activities, shopping trips, clerical operations, fleet vehicle maintenance, commercial dishwasher training and operation, etc. All activities are designed to be in line with their vocational interests and serve to build marketable employment skills. Members also have access to Comprehensive Rehabilitation Planning, On-going Clinical Evaluation and Assessment, Case Management, Medication Monitoring, Symptom Management, Employment and Support Groups, and Employment Services; Situational Assessment of Vocational Abilities, Diagnostic Vocational Evaluation, Work Adjustment Training, Job Development, Job Placement, Job Coaching and Follow-Along Service, and Benefits Counseling which includes review of current benefit status, assistance applying for financial benefits, management of income to protect medical benefits, development of long-term career goals and facilitating long term financial planning; you do not have to be a member to receive this service. Currently they are at full capacity with OPWDD Programs, they have 15 active members daily and a staff of 5 counselors. R. York thanked Jason & Christina for today's comprehensive overview and for the vital vocational and pre-vocational services and benefits counseling they provide to the residents of our counties.</p>	

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Informational Items 2024-25 NYS Executive Budget proposal	R. York provided pages from the 2024-25 NYS Executive Budget proposal; Agency appropriations of interest; highlighting different areas that might be of interest the Board.	C. Mallory and R. York addressed these items.
ARPA Behavioral Health projects	R. York provided a table overviewing the ARPA funds awarded and still remaining from 2022 through 2024.	
NYS OASAS County Opioid Settlement Fund allocations	R. York provided an overview of the Opioid Settlement LGU Abatement Funds for 2022/2023 & 2024 totaling \$962,328.	
2024 County Committee membership	R. York provided the names of the 2024 Warren and Washington County Health and Human Services Committee members.	
2024 CSB meeting calendar	The 2024 CSB and Subcommittee Meeting schedules were also included in the packets and should be posted on both websites.	
2024 CSB member Code of Ethics forms	C. Mallory has collected all of the Members signatures for 2024.	
2024 CSB New Member orientation (to be scheduled)	R. York will send an email poll to the new members for a date and time to schedule.	
2024 CSB member contact information	C. Mallory has collected all of the Members up-to-date contact information.	
Additional items	R. York asked the board members what agencies and programs they are interested in placing on our upcoming meeting agendas. Youth Act, ARPA Projects, GFH Crisis Unit, WAIT House's Family Opportunity Center were all suggested.	
Adjournment and next meeting.	The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm. The next meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:00pm, location TBD.	K. Brayton motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Mallory, Secretary to the Boards.