



Niagara County Community Services Board
 Minutes
 Regular Meeting
 Date: Monday, February 28, 2022
 Time: 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Dept. of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Administrative Offices, Shaw Building, Health Department Conference Room, 1st Floor, 5467 Upper Mountain Road, NY.

ATTENDANCE:

	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Rosamond Siegwarth, Board President	X	
Burt Marshall, 1 st Board VP	X	
Robin Stevens, 2 nd Board VP		X
Peter Butera, PhD, Board Member	X	
Jaclyn Bieber, Board Member		X
Robert Spuller, MSW, Board Member	X	
Thomas Gerbasi, MD, Board Member	X	
Candace Butcher, Board Member		X
Ronald Barstys, PhD, Board Member	X-Webex	
Stephanie Donovan, Board Member		X
Suzanne Diez, Board Member		X
Annette Dobrasz, EdD, Board Member		X
Laura Kelemen, LCSW-R, NCDMH Director	X	
Myrla Gibbons Doxey, LMFT, NCDMH Deputy Director	X	
Lee Ann Cogar, Confidential Assistant	X	
Richard Abbott, Niagara County Legislator	X	
Anne McCaffrey, CEO, ENH	X	

1) Rosamond Siegwarth, Board President, called the Community Services Board (CSB) Meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

*****There was no Board quorum for this meeting, all items were presented as informational only*****

2) The Minutes for the January 24, 2022 meeting were reviewed and revised, in draft form. The Department was notified that the January Board meeting announcement was not published in the local newspapers. All voting items presented at this meeting must now be considered “informational only”. Voting on these presented items will now take place during the March 21, 2022 meeting.

3) Membership Committee: Nothing new to report.

4) Director's Report

- **Correspondence was reviewed by Laura Kelemen, Director.** Laura highlighted correspondence item "G". Governor Hochul is proposing to invest funding to improve Psychiatric support for those in crisis, this also calls for an increase in Medicaid rate for inpatient treatment, and a proposal for tuition reimbursement for Psychiatrists and nurses in this field.

- **Certificate of Need (CON) and Prior Approval (PAR)**
 - **CON - Informational**
 - People Inc. – Relocation of 1 Opportunity from 9905 Brauer Road to 473 17th Street, Niagara Falls, NY IRA-112221-3-WS. Myrla reported People Inc. is looking to close their supervised IRA location in Clarence, NY. The client currently being served at this location is relocating to another facility.

 - People Inc. – Decertification of 513 Tronolone Place, Upper, Niagara Falls, NY – Myrla reported this is the last facility available in Niagara County for developmentally disabled clients.

 - **Prior Consult - Informational**

Cazenovia Recovery – Madonna house, capacity expansion Intensive Residential Treatment Program - Myrla reported, the current capacity for this facility is 16; average monthly census is 13 per month. Cazenovia is proposing to increase capacity to 21, this request is consistent with OASAS residential redesign. There is a demonstrated need; the program has had no problems meeting current capacity. During the COVID-19 pandemic, census was reduced, however; this was due to covid protocols calling for reduced capacity. There is a need for pregnant women and young mothers to receive timely treatment. Cazenovia has plans to increase staff by two employees to accommodate the increased capacity. Cazenovia is a not-for-profit organization, and in good standing with OASAS.

 - **Informational:**
 - **Youth ACT – Child & Family Services** - Laura reported, a contract was awarded to Child & Family Services. We will begin conducting meetings with OMH, Erie County and the Agency for program implementation. We have requested a guaranteed 12 slots.

 - **Children's Clinic Services – Catholic Charities, MCI Satellite** - Myrla reported, we have received notification when Children's Clinic Services reviewed their current needs and goals, it was decided to close the Lockport West School satellite. They would like to devote services to "Brick and Mortar sites". OMH has also received notification of this closure. The school satellite was being under-used. More impact information will be forthcoming.

 - **New Directions Youth and Family Services** - Laura reported OMH and New Directions have been having discussions regarding New Direction's outpatient clinic for children/adolescents. Due to Staff medical leaves, a decision was made to temporarily close their NF location. An EzPar will be coming next month. We will have more information at that time. The department will work with New Directions transitioning youth to other alternative services.

- **2021 Annual Court Report** – Presented by Lee Ann Cogar, Confidential Assistant.
- **Corporate Compliance** – Presented by Deputy Director Myrla Gibbons-Doxey, nothing new to report. The updated Corporate Compliance manual will soon be available for distribution.
- **Programs / System Updates, provided by Director Kelemen** –
 - **Health Home Plus Care Management Capacity Limitations/Workforce Concerns** – Laura reported we have two entities that currently have waiting lists, they are at full capacity. We are working with OMH and agencies on how to provide mandated care management services, for example to AOT clients and on working on how to prioritize, and how to transition clients to lower levels of care where possible.
 - **Suicide Prev. Coalition - A call to action** – Laura asked Board attendees for any comments on the presentation. Very positive comments were received from the Board. Laura advised they are currently compiling information from the surveys. The plan is to “craft out” a couple key workgroups. More information should be available in March.
 - **Community Messages of Hope** – Myrla provided a short presentation to the Board. She stated a press release should be coming later this week.
- **Additional Agenda Items** – None to report.

5) **President’s Report, by Rosamond Siegwarth**, nothing new to report.

6) **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Tentative Future CSB Meeting Date: March 21, 2022