

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE
OF CORTLAND COUNTY
Community Services Board

Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2019
1:00 P.M.
Room 302 – County Office Building

Members Present: Jeff Beal (Chair), Elizabeth Haskins, Marianne Odell, Kathy Reynolds and Ken Woodman

Members Absent: Kimberly Corbett and Courtney McCallen-Kim

Others Present: Mark Thayer (Director), Michele Gravel (JM Murray), Amanda Rainbow (DSS, Parent advocate), Patricia Schaap (CCMHD) and Gail Spitzer (Secretary)

Call to Order: 1:04 p.m. by Chair, Jeff Beal

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Introductions

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2018 Motion requested by Chair, Jeff Beal

- ✓ Motion made by Marianne Odell, seconded by Kathy Reynolds – unanimously approved

Agenda Item: Membership vacancies Attendees

Three vacancies – Aaron Hammond with MC ARC and an advocate for people with disabilities has expressed interest in becoming a member of this Subcommittee and regularly attends both this and the CSB meetings

- ✓ Motion made by Ken Woodman, seconded by Jeff Beal – members unanimously in favor of moving the membership of Aaron Hammond to the Legislature

Amanda Rainbow, attending today's meeting is also interested in becoming a member, as a parent of a child with a disability and with encouragement from Amanda's Department head

- ✓ Motion made by Elizabeth Haskins, seconded by Marianne Odell – unanimously in favor of moving the membership of Amanda Rainbow to the Legislature

Agenda Item: Organizational Meeting Mark Thayer, Director facilitated discussion

- * Current Chair and Vice Chair of the DD Subcommittee willing to continue in their current roles – no other nominations or volunteers were brought forward – Mark Thayer asked for a motion to approved
 - ✓ Motion made by Kathy Reynolds, seconded by Marianne Odell – unanimously approved to continue Jeff Beal as Chair and Kimberly Corbett as Vice Chair of the DD Subcommittee
- * Current Day and Time of Meeting – Discussion with no other options proposed
 - ✓ Motion made by Kathy Reynolds, seconded by Jeff Beal – unanimously in favor of keeping meeting day and time as stands
- * Meeting Calendar for 2019 sent electronically – Joint meeting in May and December – July and August, no meetings – group approved

Agenda Item: Plan for Site Visits and Speakers

Chair, Jeff Beal: Valuable to have speakers present and discuss what is going on in the community; implementation of changes in service, etc. Tim Davis from SUNY Cortland offered a visit to the Hall of Fame room at the PER Center, to hear his presentation – might be good project for the Spring or after graduation / Kim Corbett had suggested hearing from all the agencies who have Care Coordination hold a round table discussion about progress to-date / Jeff was trying to get "Person to Person Citizen Advocacy" for Cortland County update, left message – connect with new representative / Kathy Reynolds: Connect with SUPAC (Syracuse University Parent Advocacy Center) – presentation / updates of requirements to transition from school to adult-life; ask/answer questions – Mark: good opportunity to invite parents to see this process and ask what other topics would be helpful to them – planned events do not always draw the numbers of people as hoped / Mark: visit JM Murray's new work center (no new name chosen yet)

Ken Woodman discussed opportunity for social event; Bingo Program one day per month – Julia Maslin (OPWDD) asking for people who might help facilitate – find location that would be large enough to host and have no, or very little, cost – Ken will connect with Aaron Baier from ATI – they are anticipating at least 50 people participating / Elks and American Legion both options to consider

Agenda Item: Updates:

- Michele Gravel (JM Murray) – Since March, 28 new people working at Route 13 facility and 4 more starting this week – some tried other community based services or supportive employment options and did not succeed and are thriving at this new work environment – making lots of peer connections– Jeff Beal: still have great production lines and earn a paycheck

ACCES-VR released new contracts with five new services in the school system / Access to Independence (ATI) and JM Murray are the two local providers that have a contract to do transition services for kids at the school – outreach to five school districts to teach about new services – waiting for Access VR to produce summary chart of services – in the Spring, there will be more funding; WOIA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) regulations caused State Education to come up with new funding – Access VR will keep the participants' case files open until the person is 24 years old – Kathy Reynolds: Before retiring, applications would be brought to every CSE meetings encouraging families to apply for services – applications have to be completed by families, not solicited by ACCES-VR representative – services are available to a child with any disability (504 Regs); physical, ADHD,

MH, not just intellectual – ACCES-VR eligibility is different from OPWDD – there is no Medicaid requirement; it is all State Education funding / Mark asked if this could be presented at a Community Services Board meeting

- Marianne Odell (Racker Center) – Al Condeluci speaking at Greek Peak Resort on April 11 – discussing the power of relationships / Mark: asked about Respite – Marianne: only weekends, State willing to give more units of Respite due to the lower rate, cost is more than reimbursement / Jeff: can any crisis (emergency) respite be accommodated – Marianne: Respite House scheduled out so far, there is no way to accommodate
- Elizabeth Haskins – Annual Enrichment Day at SUNY Cortland, June 4 – day long event, drawing between 130 and 180 people at Corey Union – Director, State Office for Aging, Frank Olson key note speaker, discuss social determinants of health

Agenda Item: Membership Surveys Mark Thayer

Filled out prior to the December Joint meeting – completed by 71% of members – Mark discussed some of the comments; i.e., representation: more advocates, more presentations, more parents-fewer agency representation / Receive enough information: minutes helpful, (last survey changed meeting order, allowing agencies to report, prior to Director's Report – has been helpful) Directors Report seems rushed / Joint Meetings – largely appreciated, appreciate knowing what other groups are reporting / Other topics: reporting new programs, funding opportunities, youth services / Chair and Vice Chair recommendations: Remain the same, have done amazing jobs, recommend they continue /this is a good opportunity to express ideas, opinions, etc., make changes where needed, etc. – always open to discussion – Mark encouraged everyone to speak up

Kathy Reynolds – over the course of the next year and when thinking about the Annual Plan, can the Subcommittee establish a focus; i.e., increasing awareness regarding transitions or building membership base to include more parents, etc. – this can be reported to the end of year Joint meeting “this was our goal, this is how we are doing...” / Jeff and Mark agreed that it is a great idea – add to Agenda of next meeting to discuss

Agenda Item: Director's Report Mark Thayer

- Have had staff openings, due to retirement, at end of year, Senior Clinician, Medical Services Clerk
- Unexpected staff openings caused delay in rolling out new programs in Family Support Services
- Patty Schaap new SPOA coordinator / Youth Development Services Director – began January 14
- Justice League Meeting February 6, from 2 to :00 p.m. (intersection of criminal justice and behavioral health)
- Care Compass Network – 3 separate Cohort pilot programs – Mark involved in one headed by Guthrie Cortland Medical Center focused on impacting prevention and treatment to reduce ER and inpatient visits, relating to heart disease - noting individuals with behavioral health issues often large part of this population / bringing together new community partnerships
- CNY DPG and DSS Commissioners across State – met with directors of State agencies (OMH, OPWDD, OASAS, OCFS), working to resolve barriers in cross system care to prevent poorly handled crisis situations, for individuals with complex needs not receiving needed services, across region – planning next meeting in March
- Regional Planning Consortium – Coordinated through Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors (CLMHD) discuss State systemic problems, i.e., workforce development, transportation – regional groups meet and then present to State officials in Albany
- Governor's Proposed 2019 Budget highlights provided (supports wage increases for OPWDD Providers)

Agenda Item: Adjourn Chair Jeff Beal asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting

- ✓ Motion by Kathy Reynolds and seconded by Elizabeth Haskins – meeting ended at 2:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2019

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