

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE
OF CORTLAND COUNTY
Community Services Board**

**Meeting Minutes January 10, 2023
3:00 P.M.**

ROOM 302, COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, 60 CENTRAL AVE, CORTLAND NY

Members Present: Kimberly Corbett (Chair), Marianne Odell (Vice Chair), Jeff Beal, Aaron Hammond, Amanda Howlett and Cynthia Van Patten-Young

Members Absent: Gwendolyn Barbato and Renee Hettich

Others Present: Sharon MacDougall (Director), Patricia Schaap (Deputy Director) Cristin Marshall (SPOA Coordinator), Ianthe Warner (Health Department, Children with special needs), Crystol Benedict (Parent/Advocate), Ellen Wright (Retired MH Nurse), Shannon Howitt (NY Connects Office for the Aging) and Anne Seepersaud (LifePlan CCO) (absent: Secretary, Gail Spitzer)

Call to Order: 3:02 p.m. by Chair, Kimberly Corbett

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Welcome and Introductions: Chair Kimberly Corbett welcomed everyone to this DD Subcommittee – followed by introductions

Agenda Item: New 2023 Meeting Schedule

Chair, Kimberly Corbett noted the new planned schedule of meetings was emailed to the membership – asked for comments – Amanda Howlett: the later meeting time (3:00 p.m.) may make attendance easier for school personnel – Sharon: please note that the days alter so the meetings will **not** always be on the “second Tuesday” – trying to space out for at least a week in between meetings – and to try not to conflict with other meetings

Discussion about meeting in various locations – “road trips” i.e., Age Well Center, South Main St., Springbrook Apartments in Johnson City, Access to Independence – elevator in COB may be off line for a period of time – “away meetings” will help during that time period – Amanda Howlett suggested basement/cafeteria as an option if elevator is not available

Agenda Item: Discussion and Election – Chair and Vice Chair

By-laws created limitations of length of officer service – by-laws will be reviewed and updated soon – will address limitations which are counterproductive – Director, Sharon MacDougall asked if there was a nomination

✓ Jeff Beal made a motion to reappoint Kimberly Corbett as Chair and Marianne Odell as Vice Chair – motion seconded by Amanda Howlett – Director verified that the motion would be acceptable to Kimberly and Marianne – with their agreement there was a unanimous vote for reappointment

Agenda Item: Presentation: NYS OPWDD 5.07 Plan

Speaker canceled this morning – Jamie M. Kelly, Regional Field Office of OPWDD



OPWDD 2022 Year in
Review_Final.pdf

Link to 5.07 Plan attached to above

Link to three over-arching main goals for OPWDD – Local Services Plan for 2023, Cortland County four goals; 1) Advocate/ Support Springbrook integrated housing initiative – (Racker just had ribbon cutting for integrated housing on Buffalo St in Ithaca 9 units in a 75 unit building) / 2) Collaborate with Guthrie/OMH/OPWDD to increase crisis services for IDD and dual-diagnosed population / 3) promote/expand respite options for all ages of IDD populations – Marianne Odell: Starry Night will start providing waiver respite again – OPWDD is no longer approving FSS ongoing waiver – Racker, even though it will lose money, will continue to provide service people can come with their own staff – Anne Seepersaud: Casey’s Place in Onondaga County wonderful resource – 16 beds in individual rooms – through Elm Crest – also use Unity House in Tompkins County – staffing shortages have limited respite options / Marianne: reimbursement rate so low – Kimberly Corbett: advocate for a rate change / 4) CSIDD implementation in Region 2 – YAI update? YAI services can’t be provided if person is in the ED – have to wait until person is discharged – YAI services extremely unreliable and inconsistent and not available when needed / Patty Schaap: YAI still not connected to Liberty Resources, Mobile Crisis Unit as previously agreed to collaborate – Kimberly: recently entered into an agreement with YAI – giving presentations in Onondaga, Otsego County – Seems talking but services don’t match what is being delivered / agreement that YAI has not met any of its goals in over a year of operation after receiving multi million dollars in State aid

Agenda Item: Community Partner Updates / Reports

Aaron Hammond (MC ARC) – Thanks to Kimberly and Marianne for continuing as Chair and Vice Chair and sharing expertise / Thanks to Sharon for working along with Chuck Schumer and the new Mental Health building

Cristin Marshall (SPOA – Cortland County) – Elm Crest Crisis Respite Center in Syracuse for children ages 5 to 21 or 18 – Spring Brook Road Elm Crest campus

Marianne Odell (Racker Center) – Resource Fair in the Port Watson Conference Center January 25 from 4 to 7:00 p.m. – Marianne will check to see if Mobile Crisis will be there / 15 vendors

Kimberly Corbett (Springbrook) – have a new Assistant Director of Community Services, Michele Gravel – will oversee Ithaca and Cortland gravelm@springbrookny.org

Agenda Item:

Director's Report

Director, Sharon MacDougall



DD DCS report
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Agenda Item:

Targeted discussions / presentations – topics TBD for 2023

Chair Kimberly Corbett – align discussions and presentations around the four objectives – agreed to by all in attendance – Sharon; must begin preparing the next Local Services Plan the next four year, for first time, to align with the Health Department – looking for volunteers

Kim thanked everyone for attending today – there being no other business or objections, Kimberly Corbett adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

*** Thank you Patty Schaap for amazing help with meeting minutes preparation!! I couldn't have done it without you!

**NEXT MEETING
February 7, 2023**

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