

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
OF CORTLAND COUNTY

Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING – WEB EX

Members Present: Matthew Whitman (Chair), Kathy Reynolds, (Vice Chair), Doug Bentley, Kimberly Corbett, Elizabeth Larkin, Timothy Lockwood, Tiffanie Parker, Amanda Rainbow, Richard Shaw and Leslie Wilkins (10)

Members Absent: Julie Partigianoni

Others Present: Sharon MacDougall (Director Community Services), Sara Watrous (CACTC and HEALing Communities), Renee Hettich (A AFFNY), Aris Dysert (Conifer Park), Amanda Stout (F&CCS), Samantha Weeks (Alzheimer’s Foundation), Michele Gravel and Karen Schuepbach (JM Murray), Lauren Osborne (Family Health Network), Beckey Lumley (CCOCC), Angela VanDeWeert (Case Worker, Public Defenders’ office), Nancy Smith (Office Manager CCMHJD), Patricia Schaap, (Deputy Director, CCMHD) and Gail Spitzer (Secretary) (16)

Call to Order: Welcomed by and called to order at 3:11 p.m.

Agenda Item: Introductions – Chair, Matthew Whitman, asked everyone to sign name and association into the WebEx Chat

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes Joint CSB and Subcommittees meeting, December 14, 2021

Request for motion to approve requested by Chair Matthew Whitman

✓ Motion made by Doug Bentley and seconded by Amanda Rainbow – all in favor, no discussion – minutes approved

Agenda Item: Election of Officers – Nominations

Matthew Whitman had request to step down as Chair of the Community Services Board – Members thanked Matt for his many contributions to the integrity and forward motion of the CSB, especially given the circumstances of Covid Pandemic for more than two years

Board Secretary explained that Tiffanie Parker had agreed to become Chair of the CSB and Kathryn Reynolds agreed to stay on as Vice Chair – Clerk asked if there were any other volunteers or nominees wishing to be considered for this highly coveted position – there being no other candidates, the Board Secretary asked for a motion to approve Tiffanie Parker as Chair and Kathryn Reynolds as Vice Chair of the CSB

✓ Motion made by Kimberly Corbett – Clerk asked for a show of hands to approve – unanimously approved the new Chair and reappointment of Vice Chair – Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity – and continuing with difficult circumstances

➤ **Chair of the Community Services Board will lead membership nominations:**

Agenda Item: Nominate and Elect Clerk of the Boards

Tiffanie Parker requested a nomination for the post Clerk of the Boards

✓ Motion made by Kimberly Corbett to nominate Gail Spitzer to continue as the Clerk – Chair Tiffanie Parker asked for a show of hands to approve the appointment – unanimously approved



2022 REQUEST FOR
VOTE BY CSB.xlsx



Resolution
membership 2022 -1C

Vote – final approval before full Legislature on March 24, 2022 – Community Services Board member only
 Chair Tiffanie Parker read the new and reappointed nominations for each Subcommittee and the CSB, individually with a request to approve the slate for each: (See 2022 Request for Vote by CSB above)

- **CD Subcommittee – motion by Doug Bentley, second by Matt Whitman – unanimous approval
- **DD Subcommittee – motion by Kimberly Corbett, second by Amanda Rainbow – unanimous approval
- **MH Subcommittee – motion by Doug Bentley, second by Tim Lockwood – unanimous approval
- **CSB – motion by Doug Bentley and second by Tim Lockwood

Agenda Item: Community Partner Updates

CHAMP Brochure.pdf

_____ Elizabeth Larkin (County Clerk, Chair of the MH Subcommittee) – CHAMP Brochure shared by Marguerite Falso from F&CCS at the last MH Subcommittee meeting / April meeting will include virtual presentation by Department of Social Security to discuss retirement benefits and different types of benefits / Kathy Taylor leaving NAMI – NAMI interested in increasing membership – currently no NAMI in Cortland

Doug Bentley (County Legislator) – talk of a new law in Cortland County that would try to address synthetic marijuana – it was tabled pending the changes at the County attorney level

Matt Whitman (Cortland Area Communities the Care) – HEALING Communities finally entering the implementation stage on July 1 – will be hiring new staff to help with the expanding project – implementation was supposed to be 12 months originally; now 18 months

Leslie Wilkins (Cortland Prevention Resources, div. F&CCS) – still have an opening, team working very hard – presence in four of the five schools, thanks to CACTC – Baily Marks running evidence based program – one on one “Positive Parenting” – currently working on birth through five years old

Amanda (Mandy) Stout (F&CCS) – Clinic busy – have fully transitioned to integrated regulations – one behavioral health assessment, joining MH and SUD – working through some of the problems as they arise / intakes up significantly – triage at front door and assess / COTI team has been very active – lots of referrals to the mobile resource; primarily from City PD and recently from the hospital

Kimberly Corbett (Director, Springbrook, Chair DD Subcommittee) – Subcommittee speaker March meeting: Person to Person Citizen Advocacy Program and April tentatively the YAI (Young Adult Institute) representative to speak about CSIDD (Crisis Services group for Individuals with DD) – OPWDD finally have contract to proceed with the START program to help address the enormous region for crisis response / OPWDD representative attending DD Subcommittee meetings suggested different department heads could schedule presentations to discuss their role in the State agency

Tim Lockwood (Executive Director, CCOCC) – OASAS has given CC two transitional housing units; emergency units – for use not to exceed one year with goal leading to permanent housing – still trying to find more specific information – will pass on more info when ready / Charles St audit, excellent OASAS reviews, huge kudos to Beckey Lumley for turning this around

Aris Dysert – Conifer Park still admitting patients adysert@libertymgt.com contact directly – both inpatient and outpatient / Aris will do a presentation for anyone wanting more information about Conifer (virtual or in person) – Tiffanie: would like presentation at a future meeting

Richard Shaw (Tompkins County Mental Health, Coordinator of Dual Recovery Services) – very involved in NAMI Finger Lakes and will be happy to help establish one in Cortland

Lauren Osborne (Family Health Network) – also having staffing issues / were doing large vaccine clinics on weekends – rate of vaccinations slowed – now can get vaccinated at regular appointments and during regular business hours / FHN working with a couple of Federal Programs to provide rapid-at-home test kits and face masks – happy to share in community / NYS “pumping breaks” on vaccination mandates for healthcare workers, FHN not changing their mandate policies – all staff eligible to receive boosters, have done so – to assure staff are safe / FHN has solidified mobile medical unit – will be in production shortly – should be received by mid-2022 – will be scheduled in three locations: Truxton, McGraw and South Otselic – happy to offer quality healthcare in these rural locations – once settled, will participate in community events, i.e., Business Showcase

Samantha Weeks (Alzheimer’s Association – formerly 7VHC) – New position, program manager for five counties – can help with respite care and education programming, support groups and more – more information, contact Samantha at saweeks@alz.org

Angela VanDeWeert (Public Defender’s office) **Written in chat: no microphone – “I apologize, I do not believe my microphone is working. I have recently been hired as the case manager with the public defender’s office. I would love to join the committee to learn about resources that could assist the individuals who I have been asked to serve in hopes of avoiding repeat offenses by ensuring basic needs are met”

Amanda Rainbow (DSS) – Statewide changes on how assessments are done – change has been postponed until May

Tiffanie Parker (DSS) – Safe Care – ‘team’ to work with parents of children ages birth to 5 years old – for families with history of substance use or mental health issues / CD Subcommittee hosted speakers STAP and CNY Health Education Department

Sharon MacDougall (County MH Clinic) – Hired Matthew Skojec, new Clinical Director of Mental Health Programs / struggling with filling vacancies; County hired consultants to examine job titles, pay rates – successfully hired one LMSW, and will be hiring a new SPOA Coordinator – prioritizing intakes again, triaging – number of child referrals are very high

Agenda Item: Director's Report (November 2021) Sharon MacDougall



2-2022 CSB Directors
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Covid rates seem to be coming down – OMH Consistent with mask policies – website has latest updates / OASAS recently updated their website with newest contact list – links and documents in attached report

NEXT MEETING: JOINT CSB AND SUBCOMMITTEES' May 17, 2022

Agenda Item: Adjourn

If anyone has an topical requests for the meetings, please contact Gail or Chair Parker – There being no other business, Tiffanie Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Minutes and notes submitted by Gail L. Spitzer
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