

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE
OF CORTLAND COUNTY
Community Services Board

Meeting Minutes March 7, 2023

3:00 P.M.

Age Well Center – Crescent Commons, Cortland, NY

Members Present: Kimberly Corbett (Chair), Marianne Odell (Vice Chair), Jeff Beal, Aaron Hammond, Renee Hettich and Cynthia VanPatten-Young

Members Absent: Gwendolyn Barbato, Renee Hettich, Cynthia VanPatten-Young

Others Present: Sharon MacDougall (Director), Patricia Schaap (Deputy Director / CCDMH) Cristin Marshall (SPOA Coordinator / CCDMH), Jamie Kelly (OPWDD), Michele Gravel (Springbrook), Shannon Howlett (Area office of the Aging), Shannon Coffin (JM Murray), Teresa Edwards (YAI), Amanda Hudson (Homer Central), Crystal Benedict (Parent), Anne Seepersaud (LifePlan CCO), Jenna Maxson (CCDMH), Tammy McCall (DSS) and Gail Spitzer (Secretary / CCDMH)

Call to Order: 3:04 p.m. by Chair, Kimberly Corbett

MINUTES

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

Agenda Item: Approval of January 10, and February 7, 2023 Minutes Vote requested by Chair Kimberly Corbett

✓ Motion made by Aaron Hammond, seconded by Jeff Beal – unanimously approved

Agenda Item: Membership conversation

Two vacancies – two candidates – email vote through DD Subcommittee and Community Services Board – will go to the Health & Human Services Committee and the full Legislature for approval in April

Agenda Item: Presentation: NYS OPWDD Jamie Kelly, Regional Field Office of OPWDD

Jamie Edwards – December 2022 and January and February 2023 – next meeting will present end of year – Cortland 12/2022 crisis 0 referrals, 4 YTD in 2022 / Provided information for Cortland – housing, Front Door, different types of approved services / will report this data each month

For Discussion: Kimberly Corbett – 1) Meetings cannot use meeting rooms at County Office Building until elevator is repaired – Discuss “Hybrid” meetings, utilizing both in-person and virtual – discussions with County attorney – different counties interpret the new open meeting laws differently – during Covid pandemic found remote meeting options very convenient – State is looking into more flexibility for meetings in 2024 – will be working on incorporating meeting flexibility into by-laws – possible to resolve this at least for the Subcommittees – Anne Seepersaud attends meetings in other counties still virtual

2) April CSB meeting will be held at Century Sunrise, 135 Baldwin St, Johnson City NY – Springbrook apartments (Meeting location postponed until May)

Agenda Item: Community Partner Updates / Reports

Patty Schaap (Deputy Director County Mental Health – Facilitator System of Care) – Open meetings monthly – March focusing on Respite for all systems (OMH, OASAS, OPWDD)

Aaron Hammond (MC ARC) – attended resource fair by Racker – saw Alex with ATI – ATI has a “healthy relationships” training for people with disabilities

Tammy McCall (DSS) – newly appointed as Supervisor of Adult Services

Cristin Marshall (SPOA Coordinator – County Mental Health) – Youth MH First Aid training on April 10 (8:30 to 4:30)

Anne Seepersaud LifePlan – Customer Service Center



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Teresa Edwards (YAI) was asked by Patty Schaap to discuss Cortland specific process – individuals accessing services, waiting list, etc. – Teresa and her assistant director handle the waiting lists – currently have a waiting list and an “on hold” list, an extension of waiting list – “hopper”, actively working to enroll people in the program – about 64 people in 20 counties – in Cortland only 2 enrolled and no one on the waiting list / Sharon: YAI was supposed to be the contact for crisis services – confusion – Teresa: YAI qualified with IDD diagnosis, minimum age 6 years old – program is still very new – just

launched over a year ago – only 6 start coordinators over 20 counties – 18 week training program – when in training, can have maximum of 10 in caseload and upon completion of training, can have maximum of 25 – very challenging – recruiting has been very challenging, clinic director left – have not connected with Mobile Crisis – Sharon recommended that they do connect with Mobile Crisis – follow up with Liberty Resources – Sharon: over last decade, START and YAI was portrayed as crisis service for IDD population – it is not – Mobile Crisis and police are not trained to handle crisis of people with developmental disabilities / Kimberly – hope she continues to attend these meetings

Amanda Hudson (Homer Central School District) – relatively new liaison positions – part of social work team – work with family – Amanda at elementary school – trying to help with communication barriers – holistic approach to working with families – help relationship – Homer setting precedent – program started by using Covid funds – school working to maintain, making it sustainable

Sharon MacDougall – Family Support Services expanding services – getting ready to restart respite services (original planned respite) – Jamee Sobko, Director / Clinic Director vacancy – starting interviews / two new social workers and a second RN position / getting referrals, double checking for appropriateness – reviewed by Jessie Harris – no waiting list

Michele Gravel (Springbrook) – have a new Cortland office, 29 Central Ave

Anne Seepersaud LifePlan – Customer Service Center open for the last month:



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Renee Hettich (Parent) – son, 16 years old next week – had a decline in physical capacity recently – recommendation to build core strength, starting horseback riding – because of self-directed budget – this will make a huge difference / with self-direction budget, able to hire a respite provider – thanked the providers in the room – good to remember the good work that goes on

Crystal Benedict (Parent) – child needed a higher level of care – currently at “Trade Winds” and doing very well – finally getting the care she needs – 14 years old

Agenda Item: Director’s Report Sharon MacDougall



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NEXT MONTH’S MEETING – Homer High School

Kim thanked everyone for attending today – there being no other business or objections, Kimberly Corbett adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING
April 4, 2023**

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