

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

**Meeting Minutes April 4, 2023
3:00 P.M.**

Homer Training and Education Center, Homer, NY

Members Present: Marianne Odell (Vice Chair), Jeff Beal and Renee Hettich

Members Absent: Kimberly Corbett, Gwendolyn Barbato, Aaron Hammond and Cynthia VanPatten-Young

Others Present: Sharon MacDougall (Director), Patricia Schaap (Deputy Director / CCDMH) Cristin Marshall (SPOA Coordinator / CCDMH), Michele Gravel (Springbrook), Christopher Moore (Homer School CSE), Karen Davis and Shannon Coffin (JM Murray), Crystal Benedict (Parent), Tammy McCall (DSS), Jennifer Hall (Health Department), Carey Peters (Southern Tier Connect), Sinem Guler (CCDMH Intern) and Gail Spitzer (Secretary / CCDMH)

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

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Welcome and Introductions: Vice Chair, Marianne Odell welcomed everyone to this DD Subcommittee – followed by introductions

Agenda Item: Approval of March 7, 2023 Minutes No quorum

Agenda Item: Cortland County Olympiad Christopher Moore

Coordinating with multiple committees – Chris worked with Special Olympics in Syracuse – event became too large, no capacity for Cortland to participate – partnering with other school districts in County plus Tully and DeRuyter and BOCES to create Olympiad – will be held at SUNY Cortland – expecting about 150 students – there will be school bands, cheerleaders, student volunteers / Monday June 5 from 9:30 to 1:30 / there will be requests for donations for things for the students, not to sponsor the event, itself / there will be a resource fair also for agencies wishing to table the event – 30 agencies so far

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

No representation from OPWDD

Agenda Item: Community Partner Updates / Reports

Michele Gravel (Springbrook) – met with administrators at Cortland High School who thought Access VR – was only for college-bound students – will work on reeducating students and staff – many personnel changes – will continue to update

Southern Tier Connect has series of educational webinars; i.e., May 3 creative sensory supports for any age – can be accessed on Southern Tier website – sign up for “list serv” / updated guidance from OPWDD relative to the end of health emergency – released on the 17th of April – will share information

Discussion: David’s Refuge – Patty and Marianne – raffle system – free to families

Karen Davis (JM Murray) – recently approved to do waiver respite – providing services at the end of day services – helps family continue working

Marianne Odell (Racker) – trying to expand waiver respite – will go back to “in home” waiver respite – traditional services, just provide staffing

Renee Hettich (Parent) – April ACES Awareness month also (Adverse Childhood Experiences) – will be on a panel discussion on line, people with lived experience – April 18 – through CTAC – panel of four (NYU McSilver Institute ? Surveys)

Patty Schaap – May is MH Awareness month – many events planned – May 4 will be the MH Walk in Cortland – between 11 am and 2 pm – self-care things before and after walk – SUNY Cortland partnering – fund raising

Agenda Item: Director’s Report Sharon MacDougall



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NYS Budget late – was due 4/1/2023 / COLA’s expected to be approved at a higher rate than the past 10 years – encouraging advocacy / CFR is web-based this year – due in June – agency fiscal people have a difficult time this year / Covid – May 11 end of Federal guidance – end of all public health emergency – since March of 2020 / OPWDD support workforce crisis with self-assessment – trying to create resources to help agencies / Administrative

Memorandums (ADM) are the new way with OPWDD / Front Door information sessions published 3 months of webinar training – how to link through front door / Social Media links to the “O” agencies in Director’s report / April is Autism Awareness month

Marianne Odell adjourned the meeting 3:58 p.m.

NEXT MEETING
May 2, 2023

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