

**Joint Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Subcommittee
January 7, 2022**

Present: Belinda Bradley, Carissa Parot, Catherine Bearor, Dean Clickner, Dianne Hamm, Kelly Lane, Kim Cook, Kristen Hardy, Nicholas Catalfamo, Rebecca Evansky, Jackie Foster, Shawn Sabella, Sue McManus, Kelly Owens, Denise DiResta, Sue Mowery, Bethany Neely, Brenda Hansson, Stephanie Raney, Julie Beebe, Keith Stack, Mary Mclaughlin, Jennifer Neifeld

Staff: Robert York, Carrie Wright, Crystal Mallory

Agenda Item		Action
Introductions	Introductions were made and the meeting began at 10:00am.	N/A
Presentation: Project COAST, Kelly Lane	Power Point Presentation attached to minutes. Project COAST (Coordinated Opioid and Stimulant Treatment) is a partnership between prevention, treatment, and recovery providers serving Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington counties. Anyone can call for Treatment, Prevention or Recovery; Individuals seeking medication & ongoing treatment for opioid and stimulant use; Individuals and families who want to be connected to peer services, family prevention, treatment, and recovery supports; Individuals who need a bridge script for MAT while waiting for inpatient availability or community-based treatment; Individuals who have been discharged from the hospital and need support until outpatient treatment begins; Hospital inpatient and ED discharge planners, social workers, & community health, behavioral health, and social care agencies. 24/7/365 Project COAST Hotline: (518) 390-2183.	
Presentation: Open Door Mission, Kim Cook	K. Cook updated us on the Open Door Mission. She invites anyone in for a tour. They have a new Dining Room and Kitchen that holds about 50 people and includes a Culinary program. Their Day Room is a living space with internet and laundry services for free. Food Pantry is open 3 times a week with meat and produce. Clothing pantry is open for Residents. Code Blue has about 12-15 people per night, with the highest number of residents being 32. They have 9 shelter beds total, 2 specific for women. Hoping to have satellite offices completed within the next 6 months. In March/April they plan to have a 52 bed men's shelter. Life Path begins and ends with 8 S's (2 weeks up to a year) Currently in phase 3 with plans for the men's residence and room for lease.	

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Follow-up to prior discussion with Long Term Care providers	WWAMH is facilitating regular meetings for discussion with Long-Term Care Providers. They have also developed trainings that are being offered to address behavioral health in the aging population and related long-term care issues. More information to be shared at our next meeting.	
Informational Items: ADK Peer-to-Peer Veteran Services Program	R. York reports an RFP was issued in November, 2021, Three agencies responded, and a selection committee will be established. D. DiResta hopes to establish an 8-week equine program in Spring of 2022. She also mentioned possible opportunities to partner with Open Door.	
Crisis System/988 planning	Mid-year 2022 there will be a nationwide live launch of a 988 emotional support line. The Office of Community Services will convene a Crisis Coordination Committee to bring together behavioral health crisis service providers and crisis system stakeholders for information sharing, planning and coordination.	
American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds	R. York sent an email out on January 6 th regarding ideas and proposals for how to utilize funds given to Warren County to address mental health and addiction needs and impacts of COVID through one-time funding. Agencies are encouraged to consider COVID-related impacts and potential projects to address.	
Opioid Settlement funds	R. York reported there are several Opioid settlements that have occurred that will result in funding to NYS and to the Counties. At least one settlement will result in NYS Counties receiving funds over a ten-year period. More info to come as details are learned and plans for spending develop. R. York states he has offered the infrastructure of the Community Services Boards and the Subcommittees as a venue for needs identification, project planning/solicitation, approval, etc.	
Additional information	The NYS Psychiatric Institute (www.nyspi.org) , was also mentioned as a resource for training.	
Adjournment and Next Meeting	<i>The meeting adjourned at 11:10am. The next meeting of the Mental Health / Addiction Recovery Subcommittees of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Friday, April 08, 2022, 10a-12 noon via Zoom.</i>	N/A

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Mallory, Secretary to the Boards