

Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties
Warren County Community Services Board
Washington County Community Services Board
March 09, 2023

Warren County

Present: Kim Brayton-Chair, Holly Irion-Vice Chair, Belinda Bradley, Christian Hanchett, Cindy Wasson, Greg Canale

Present: Heather Adams-Wendell-Chair, Mary Alice Murphy, Linda Michaud, Lt. Kristen Hardy, Adele Potter, Tina McDougall, Jen Hogan

Staff: Rob York, Crystal Mallory, Linda Wright

Guests: Julie Beebe, Matthew Pinto, Dean Clickner,

Excused: Sue McManus

Excused: Tammy DeLorme-Vice Chair, Sue Mowery

Washington County

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
Regular Meeting – Call to Order	A quorum was confirmed for Warren and Washington County and the March 09, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards was convened.	K. Brayton & H. Adams-Wendell conducted the meeting.
Meeting Minutes	Minutes of the January 12, 2023 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval. Minutes of the January 12, 2023 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval.	Warren Co Motion: C. Hanchett Second: C. Wasson Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote Washington Co Motion: M. Murphy Second: A. Potter Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
New Business: Anticipated Opioid Settlement funds – NYS OASAS Planned Use of Funds Survey	R. York shared with the Board a printout of the NYS OASAS Planned Use of Funds document along with a spreadsheet of projected payments throughout an 18-year period totaling \$1,037,000 for Warren County and \$814,000 for Washington County for the County Direct Restricted and Unrestricted Funds.	
Establish Opioid Settlement Funds Ad Hoc Committee	R. York would like to establish an Ad-hoc Committee to discuss and recommend approvals on uses of the Opioid Settlement Funds. All interested parties are to contact Rob directly.	
2023 Budget/Contract Amendment – Addictions Care Center of Albany	R. York submitted a 2023 Warren County Budget Amendment of \$360,052 to allow ACCA to establish their Men’s Residence on Quaker Road. More to come for the ribbon cutting/open house.	Warren Co Motion: C. Hanchett Second: C. Wasson Abstentions: None

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<p>Presentations: Liberty House Foundation – Julie Beebe, Executive Director</p>	<p>Julie Beebe, Executive Director of Liberty House Foundation, provided an overview presentation of the agency and programming. Liberty House is a not-for-profit agency founded in 1972 and is part of the Clubhouse movement pioneered by Fountain House. The club is operated together by individuals with mental illness and/or developmental disabilities--known as members, not patients or clients, and a highly qualified and caring staff. Individuals who reside in Warren, Washington, and Saratoga Counties, who are at least 18 years of age, who have a diagnosed mental illness or developmental disability are eligible for membership, which is free except for minimal food costs. Every day, members and staff work side by side to facilitate the operation of the clubhouse. It is through this work that they begin the process of rehabilitation, develop relationships, and begin to trust, enhance and refine skills they never knew they had. Members don't come to see doctors or get medication but staff members facilitate connections to necessary treatment. At Liberty House they believe that every member can work, regardless of their lack of work history, past work history, number of hospitalizations, education or experience. There are no requirements except a sincere desire to work. Through their own work, members discover that they can contribute to the world and that they are needed. Most importantly it gives the member back their dignity. Clubhouse Programs include Day Training Services; transportation to and from programs and appointments, daily lunch and snack bar services. Their vocational training units include Food Service, Clerical, Snack Bar, and Maintenance. Activities within these units include weekly recreational activities, shopping trips, clerical operations, fleet vehicle maintenance, commercial dishwasher training and operation, etc. All activities are designed to be in line with their vocational interests and serve to build marketable employment skills. Liberty House members also have access to and/or receive assistance connecting to Comprehensive Rehabilitation Planning, On-going Clinical Evaluation and Assessment, Case Management, Medication Monitoring, Symptom Management, Employment and Support Groups, and Employment Services; Situational Assessment of</p>	<p>Motion carried with unanimous vote</p>

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Introduction to 1115 Waiver Amendment: NY Health Equity Reform – R. York	<p>Vocational Abilities, Diagnostic Vocational Evaluation, Work Adjustment Training, Job Development, Job Placement, Job Coaching and Follow-Along Service, and Benefits Counseling. The Benefits Counseling includes review of current benefit status, assistance applying for financial benefits, management of income to protect medical benefits, development of long-term career goals and facilitating long term financial planning.</p> <p>Currently they are at full capacity with OPWDD Programs, they have 75+ Active members and a staff of 11.</p> <p>R. York thanked Ms. Beebe for today’s comprehensive overview and for the vital vocational and pre-vocational services and benefits counseling Liberty House provides to the residents of our counties. He thanked her for service to the community.</p> <p>R. York handed out a packet overviewing the NYS 1115 Waiver Amendment for the Board members to review, while highlighting a few key points.</p>	
Informational Items: C-SPOA recruitment update Additional items	<p>R. York provided an update regarding recruitment efforts to backfill the Children’s Single Point of Access (C-SPOA) position. He is having some discussions with Warren County Civil Service. He suggested possibly calling together the CSB Personnel Committees to review options.</p>	
Adjournment and next meeting.	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm. The next meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 3:00pm, at the Washington County Municipal Center, Building B, 383 Broadway, Fort Edward, Second Floor Classroom B214.</p>	Motion: J. Hogan

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Mallory, Secretary to the Boards.