

**Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties**  
**Warren County Community Services Board**  
**Washington County Community Services Board**  
**June 8, 2023**

**Warren County**

**Present:** Belinda Bradley, Sue McManus, Cindy Wasson, Greg Canale, Holly Irion-Vice Chair, Christian Hanchett

**Excused:** Kim Brayton-Chair

**Washington County**

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

**Excused:** Tammy DeLorme-Vice Chair, Jen Hogan

**Staff:** Rob York, Crystal Mallory, Carrie Wright, Harry Carlson, Linda Wright

**Guests:** Jason Enser, Liz Cole, Jen Hill, Elizabeth Howard

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
<b>Regular Meeting – Call to Order</b>	A quorum was confirmed for Warren and Washington County and the June 8, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards was convened. Introductions were done around the room.	H. Adams-Wendell & Holly Irion conducted the meeting.
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	Minutes of the May 11, 2023 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval.  Minutes of the May 11, 2023 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval.	Warren Co Motion: B. Bradley Second: S. McManus Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote  Washington Co Motion: A. Potter Second: S. Mowrey Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
<b>New Business: 2023 contract amendments 4% COLA</b>	The Health and Mental Hygiene Article VII Bill Part DD provides a 4% Cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for fiscal year 2023-24 for community-based human services providers; applicable to programs and services funded, licensed or certified by OMH, OPWDD, OASAS, OTDA, OCFS and SOFA. R. York & H. Carlson asked for a vote of approval from the Board for pass through of the funds.	Warren Co Motion: S. McManus Second: B. Bradley Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote  Washington Co Motion: M. Murphy Second: A. Potter Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
<b>2024-27 Local Services Plan – Carrie Wright</b>	C. Wright provided and reviewed a Power Point discussing the 2024-27 LSP. The 5 Goals Areas for this plan are as follows; Strengthen opportunities to prevent mental health and substance use disorders	Warren Co Motion: B. Bradley Second: S. McManus Abstentions: None

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<b>2024-27 Local Services Plan continued</b>	through continued prevention, education, and harm reduction programs; Increase access to flexible behavioral health and substance use services; Explore workforce shortage solutions; Focus on prevention of adverse childhood experiences as well as interventions addressing the impact of ACEs; and Continued focus on housing and residential needs to promote supportive environments for people of all ages. R. York asked for a vote of approval of the plan that is due at the end of June.	Motion carried with unanimous vote  Washington Co Motion: A. Potter Second: M. Murphy Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
<b>Presentations: Behavioral Health Services North – Liz Cole, VP of Operations Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) BHSN Crisis Services- Jen Hill, Director of Operations</b>	L. Cole discussed the submission of the grant for CCBHC and the social, mental health and clinical needs of the community that would be met by receiving the grant. Their goal is to have their staff not as reliant on billable services with a more open model and financial stability. They can provide 24/7 crisis response to their clients. They have partnered with SUNY Plattsburgh and SUNY Adirondack on internships and internal training for their workforce. They received a Crisis Response Grant and will pursue an integrated license (mental health and addiction services) for both children and adults. They hope to open a Residential Crisis with 4 children beds ages 8-17 and 6 or 7 adult beds ages 17+, located in Plattsburgh, but accessible for Warren and Washington residents as well.	
<b>Informational items/updates: WWAMH name change- ASCEND Mental Wellness</b>	WWAMH has changed their name to ASCEND Mental Wellness and celebrated their 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.	
<b>Office of Community Services staffing/recruitment</b>	R. York convened the CSB Personnel committees and had discussions with Human Resources to discuss the Children’s SPOA Coordinator position that is still vacant.	
<b>2023-24 NYS Enacted Budget</b>	The 2023-24 NYS budget has passed. R. York included and discussed the highlights.	
<b>CSB Budget Review Committee – 2024 agency budgets</b>	CSB Budget Review dates have been set for June 22 9:30am-12pm & June 28 1pm-3:30pm. The Agencies will do their full board presentations in our July & September meetings. Agency Budget packets will be emailed as soon as they have been received.	

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<b>Warren County ARPA funds</b>	R. York stated that three agencies have received their payments in full, ASCEND has asked their payments to be made in eighths, the GFH project is on hold, and the remaining agencies are receiving quarterly payments.	
<b>Opioid settlement funds</b>	A CSB Ad hoc committee has been established to further discuss disbursement of opioid settlement funds. R. York & C. Wright are going to create a survey for the top 10 priority areas for funding.	
<b>Additional items</b>	R. York Also included in the packets a recognition of Holly Irion from the SUNY Adirondack report to the community and the 2023 Mental Health Month Proclamations from both Counties. Congratulations to Holly!	
<b>Adjournment and next meeting.</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm. <b><i>The next meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 3:00pm, at 230 Maple St., Glens Falls.</i></b>	Motion: A. Potter

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