

Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties
Warren County Community Services Board
Washington County Community Services Board
July 13, 2023

Warren County

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

Excused: Kim Brayton-Chair, Cindy Wasson

Washington County

Present: Sue Mowrey, Mary Alice Murphy, Adele Potter, Tina McDougall, Linda Michaud, Lt. Kristen Hardy

Excused: Tammy DeLorme-Vice Chair, Heather Adams-Wendell-Chair, Jen Hogan

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

Guests: Jason Enser, Dean Clickner, Matt Crave, Jeremy Duers, Mary Shannon, Jackie Foster

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
Regular Meeting – Call to Order	A quorum was confirmed for Washington County and the July 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards was convened. Introductions were done around the room.	T. McDougall conducted the meeting.
Meeting Minutes	Minutes of the June 8, 2023 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were deferred for Warren County due to lack of quorum. Minutes of the June 8, 2023 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval.	Warren County: Deferred Washington Co Motion: M. Murphy Second: L. Michaud Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
New Business: 2024 Agency Budgets/Contracts	R. York asked for a vote on the 2024 Agency Budgets/Contracts.	Warren County: Deferred Washington Co Motion: A. Potter Second: T. McDougall Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
2024 Agency Presentations – 2024 Budget/Program highlights		
Glens Falls Hospital Behavioral Health Services	M. Shannon discussed the Glens Falls Hospital Behavioral Health Services. Emergency Room Crisis Evaluations; throughout the next 6-9 months they will be relocating their 7 bed Crisis Unit and working on expansion to a 13-bed unit, they also added a new Case Manager.	

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<p>Glens Falls Hospital Behavioral Health Services Continued</p>	<p>Inpatient: Currently they have 30 adult beds available with a census of about 23 per day. They expect an increase in the Fall. They started a Nursing Residency program for 7-8 graduation nurses for the Psych and Crisis Units.</p> <p>Community Care—Health Home Care Management.</p> <p>The Behavioral Health Program manager is Anita Tripp. Paul Scimeca, CEO, has established a committee with other hospitals in the region to address gaps in services, and the need for additional Adolescent inpatient beds. More to come as that develops.</p>	
<p>Parsons Child and Family Center/Northern Rivers</p>	<p>M. Crave discussed the services provided by Parsons. Youth ACT: started up in April, they are able to serve up to 36 children and families in Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties, currently ramping up and serving 3-4 families per month with 8 in the program. They are still recruiting for per support staff.</p> <p>Adult ACT: they are currently serving 46-48 individuals (full capacity) with about 20 clients also on AOT. This program is fully staffed.</p> <p>Mobile Crisis: continues to have staffing issues with 4 vacancies so they decided to restructure by adding a Supervisor Level, made changes in salary and recruitment positions.</p> <p>HBCI: There are new OMH regulations requiring a full-time supervisor and reduction of maximum case load size from 3-4 families down to 2-3 per clinician, but increase the intensity of services for their caseloads. They currently have 3 clinicians and 1 part-time supervisor/part time clinician serving 12 families and have applied for funding for a new clinician.</p>	
<p>820 River St.</p>	<p>J. Foster discussed the ABLE Program (Alternatives for Better Living Experiences). They have 1 Licensed Clinician and 1 part time Certified Peer Recovery Advocate (CRPA) that provide release transition services and connect people releasing from the facility with services. They have had about 240 appointments so far this year. They follow the client up to 2 months after release with the main focus being on life skills, money management and transportation. Moving forward they want to engage families into services while the client is still incarcerated. R. York asked her to speak on a recent</p>	

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<p>SUNY ADK Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran’s Peer-to-Peer Program</p> <p>Office of Community Services</p>	<p>funding grant award. Jackie said it is NYS OASAS funding to expand into Essex County for Mobile outreach and Harm Reduction Specialist.</p> <p>J. Duers discussed the SUNY ADK Peer-to-Peer Program. He has hired three new mentors: Joe Tamburrino (Marine Corps), Danelle DelSignore (Navy), Mark Roberts (Army [Mustang]). They are working with the jails to identify and connect with veterans in the facilities. He is devising new outreach and tracking methods and developing connections with various community agencies.</p> <p>H. Carlson presented an overview of the Office of Community Services 2024 budget. There is projected modest increase in personnel, fringe, COLA and retiree benefits and a small increase to Respite Services, due to COLA.</p>	
<p>Informational items/updates: Office of Community Services staffing/recruitment</p> <p>CSB Budget Review Committee: Follow-up items</p> <p>Warren County ARPA funds</p> <p>Opioid settlement funds</p> <p>Additional items</p>	<p>R. York stated the C-SPOA Position was reposted and will run through the end of July. We received 10 applications, to date.</p> <p>Units of service are being looked at by the agencies and pending reports will follow.</p> <p>Warren County ARPA behavioral health funds are partially disbursed. The Glens Falls Hospital project needs DOH and OMH approval, as it involves some renovation of existing Emergency Room space. This has delayed the project. The additional \$111,000 that was set aside to address mental health & homelessness has been referred to the Continuum of Care (COC) to solicit project applications.</p> <p>Opioid Settlement Funds: R. York and C. Wright have created a Priority Area Survey that they are distributing to the local provider and recovery communities. This will help guide decision-making regarding planned use of funds.</p>	

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	<p>S. McManus announced the 2nd Annual Brain Storm Event will be happening October 20, 2023 from 10am-2pm at the Salvation Army. A Flyer will be distributed.</p> <p>S. McManus stated HHHN is making some changes to their behavioral health services model, moving to brief treatment, with limited sessions, then referral to community providers. She questions impact on already over-taxed provider system with existing waitlists. J. Foster added that Medicaid and Managed Care population will be the most impacted. R. York will reach out to learn more and engage providers so that they are aware.</p>	
Adjournment and next meeting.	The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm. <i>The next meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 3:00pm, at 230 Maple St., Glens Falls.</i>	Motion: L. Michaud

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