

Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties
Warren County Community Services Board
Washington County Community Services Board
September 14, 2023

Warren County

Present: Holly Irion-Vice Chair, Belinda Bradley, Sue McManus, Cindy Wasson

Excused: Kim Brayton-Chair, Greg Canale, Christian Hanchett

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

Washington County

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

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

Guests: Rachel Rhoades, Kathy Daly, Jason Enser, Dean Clickner, Maria Kavouras, Silke Thornquist, April Boucher, David LePage, Amanda West, Andrea Deepe, Jen Hill

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
Regular Meeting – Call to Order	A quorum was confirmed for Washington County and the September 14, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards was convened. Introductions were done around the room.	H. Irion & R. York conducted the meeting.
Meeting Minutes	Minutes of the June 8, 2023 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval. (Warren County Only) Minutes of the July 13, 2023 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval. Minutes of the July 13, 2023 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval.	Warren County: C. Wasson Second: B. Bradley Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote Washington Co Motion: M. Murphy Second: L. Michaud Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
New Business: 2024 agency budgets/contracts (Warren only)	H. Carlson presented a table with 2024 Agency contract amounts. R. York asked for a vote of approval, based on the recommendation of the CSB Budget Review Committee, which met with the agencies in June to review their proposed budget submissions.	Warren County: B. Bradley Second: S. McManus Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
CFP 2023 budget and contract amendment (Washington County only)	R. York, H. Carlson and A. West discussed the OASAS approved Recovery Funds in the amount of \$126,194 and asked for a vote to amend the 2023 contract and accept the funds.	Washington Co Motion: L. Michaud Second: A. Potter Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote

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Agency Presentations – 2024 Budget/Program highlights: Liberty House Foundation	J. Enser and K. Daly discussed Liberty House. They didn't have any substantial increase for 2024. They had some plumbing issues they dealt with and are glad to report they are fully staffed at 11. New for 2024 is the establishment of their social media presence on Facebook, Website updates and a new LOGO. They're looking for donations to replace their van of 10 years and in need of Board members.	
Behavioral Health Services North	D. LePage and Jen Hill discussed BHSN. Their staff has increased to 51 clinicians; 3 Case Managers for Children. They have implemented a test group for Intensive Out Patient Care for ages 18+ 3 hours a day, 3 days a week. They have submitted applications for an Integrated Clinic for Mental Health and Substance Use & one for CCBHC for 24/7 Crisis Response. R. York asked if they anticipate an increase of referrals due to new guidelines. They are still recruiting staff in anticipation of increase in referrals due to school being back in session and from Primary Care.	
ASCEND Mental Wellness	A. Deepe first announced they have reached 75 years of operation. They have a 3-year strategic plan in place which includes rebuilding staff and programming, upgrading residences, and meeting the needs of the members and community. Outreach has been booming. They have 3 LPN and 2 RN that are available for nursing services in the residences. They have 3 school satellites and are involved at GF Pediatrics and SUNY ADK.	
Council for Prevention	A. West stated she is so proud of how far the Council has come with a staff of 16 providing prevention and diversion programs, treatment workshops and services, outings and more for the community from preschool through adulthood. The Recovery Center received an increase of funds of \$500,000 which she is looking to use for a new location, retention bonuses for the staff, purchase of a vehicle, upgrading electronics and more. They put in for 2 OASAS grants; one to further collaborations with SUNY ADK for training and one to hire a FT Coordinator for Prevention Training. They need Board member volunteers.	

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People USA	M. Kavouras reviewed the Rose House. They are a crisis respite house where people 18+ years can stay up to 5-7 days. Staff of 8 with the warmline very active. They have applied for Health Home Care Management, have a Mobile Forensic team that needs a Social Worker and will utilize ARPA Funding for Care Coordinators. S. Thornquist has been going into the jail for referrals and providing CORE Services.	
Community, Work and Independence	A. Boucher discussed an overview of CWI and the services they provide along with a Power Point presentation that will be shared with the Board minutes.	
Informational items/updates: OCS C-SPOA update	R. York stated the C-SPOA Position was delayed due to being reposted. We received 10 applications to date with three potential candidates. The last second interview will be held Friday.	
2024 CSB Meeting Calendar	R. York provided the 2024 meeting calendar in the packets.	
Warren County ARPA funds	R. York included and discussed a current status report of the Warren County ARPA behavioral health funds; Look Media, ADK EAP, Brayton Psychological Services and Wait House have been fully funded. ASCEND has opted to receive their funds in 1/8 payments spread over two years. People Inc. has received the first quarter. The Glens Falls Hospital project needs DOH and OMH approval, as it involves some renovation of existing space. This has delayed the project. The additional \$111,286 that was set aside to address mental health & homelessness has been referred to the Continuum of Care (COC) to solicit project applications with an AD-Hoc committee of the CSB to review and select proposals. The National Council for Mental Wellbeing-Mental Health Fist Aid Training funds remain to be advanced, a workgroup has been formed and is discussing issues and options available.	
Opioid settlement funds	R. York and C. Wright reviewed the Priority Area Survey that was included in the packets along with the NYS OASAS Executive Summary. These will help guide decision-making regarding planned use of funds. S. McManus commented in regards to the First	

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Additional items	<p>Responders priority area stating that the ADK EAP is working with a new agency, With Grace Mental Health Counseling and they have a Trauma Group for First Responders.</p> <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 was distributed.</p>	
Adjournment and next meeting.	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm. <i>The next meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, <u>3:00pm</u>, at 230 Maple St., Glens Falls.</i></p>	Motion: L. Michaud

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