



Niagara County Community Services Board
 Minutes
 Regular Meeting
 Date: Monday, October 17, 2022
 Time: 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Dept. of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Administrative Offices, Shaw Building, Health Department Conference Room, 1st Floor, 5467 Upper Mountain Road, NY. This meeting was also offered via Webex.

ATTENDANCE:

	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Rosamond Siegwarth, Board President	X	
Burt Marshall, 1 st Board VP	X	
Robin Stevens, 2 nd Board VP	X-Webex	
Peter Butera, PhD, Board Member		X
Jaclyn Bieber, Board Member		X
Robert Spuller, MSW, Board Member	X	
Thomas Gerbasi, MD, Board Member	X	
Candace Butcher, Board Member		X
Ronald Barstys, PhD, Board Member	X-Webex	
Stephanie Donovan, Board Member	X	
Suzanne Diez, Board Member		X
Annette Dobrasz, EdD, Board Member	X-Webex	
Richard Abbott, Board Member		X
<u>Niagara County Mental Health Administration</u>		
Laura Kelemen, LCSW-R, NCDMH Director	X	
Myrla Gibbons Doxey, LMFT, NCDMH Deputy Director	X	
Lee Ann Cogar, Confidential Assistant	X	
<u>Guests</u>		

- 1) Rosamond Siegwarth, Board President, called the Community Services Board (CSB) Meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

2) The Minutes for the September 26, 2022 meeting were reviewed and corrected.

As there was not a quorum of members in the physical location, a vote will be taken during the December meeting.

- Subcommittee and Joint Planning Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2022 and October 5, 2022 – Reviewed by Deputy Director Myrta Gibbons-Doxey.

3) Membership Committee:

- Membership Review – Director Kelemen reported there is still one opening on the Board. We have received a new recommendation for the PWDD Sub Committee. Laura and Myrta will meet with this individual next week and report more at our next meeting.
- 2023 Officer Election Process – Rose updated the Board, Robin Stevens is completing her third term as 2nd Vice President, Burt Marshall is completing his 2nd term as 1st Vice President, and Rose Siegwarth is completing her second terms as President. Rose has decided not to run for a third term as President. Laura will be reaching out to members next week regarding interest in nominations. Lee Ann will be emailing nomination forms to members in the near future. We will provide the slate of officers and vote for officers during our December meeting.

4) Director's Report

- **Correspondence was reviewed by Laura Kelemen, Director.**
 - **CON-Prior Consult**
 - Save the Michaels – Establish a Part 820 Residential Reintegration Program in Newfane, NY – Rose commented we voted in favor of the Prior Consult during our last meeting. Laura advised we have received the CON application. The application provides much more in depth information. We are still waiting to hear from NYS if they have received the application and are ready for us to proceed with our CSB review.
 - **EzPar**
 - BestSelf – Lockport City School District satellite clinics at Charles Upson and Emmet Belknap Intermediate. Director Kelemen reported we still have not received any new information from BestSelf.
 - **Informational** – Nothing to report.
- **Opioid Round Table Summary and Recommendations** – Director Laura Kelemen provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. This was also presented to the Legislature last week. The largest area of feedback related to need is in the community support services area, including: harm reduction services, Narcan training, expanded outreach, providing housing, expanding peer supports, safe transportation, employment and training, and childcare access. Another critical needs area falls under sober supports - safe places to go, sober recreational activities, and youth focused services. Laura will provide a copy of the detailed letter sent to NYS in the correspondence next month. After the presentation, Director Kelemen asked the Board for any questions, comments or recommendations.

- **2023 Local Services Plan** – Presented by Deputy Director Myrla Gibbons-Doxey. Deputy Director Gibbons-Doxey provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board, including information on 2023 LSP changes, goal options, 2022 categories removed in 2023, and high need categories that are included in the Plan.

There was not a quorum; a vote on the 2023 Local Services Plan will be taken during the December meeting.

- **Corporate Compliance** – Presented by Deputy Director Gibbons-Doxey, the annual Corporate Compliance training was presented to the Board. Deputy Director Gibbons-Doxey highlighted on key items.
- **Programs / System Updates, provided by Director Kelemen. –**
 - Director Kelemen reported on the significant shortage in ambulance services in Niagara County. For individuals needing transport under MHL 9.45, ambulance companies are either unavailable or refusing to transport. Unfortunately, the only alternative in these situations is to have them transported by Law Enforcement, which results in their being handcuffed and transported in the back of a patrol car.
 - Director Kelemen announced our Department was recently awarded the SAMHSA CCBHC grant (\$3,826,453.00 over a 4-year period) and the DOJ COSSAP grant (\$1,298,000 over a 3-year period). Planning staff was very instrumental in securing these funds.
- **Additional Agenda Items** – No additional items to report.

5) **President's Report** – Nothing to report.

6) **Meeting Adjournment**

Burt Marshall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM; Stephanie Donovan seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned.

Next CSB Meeting Date: December 5, 2022