

## COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Approved**

Via Hybrid

Member John Bezirganian, MD

Attendance: Shawn Nalepa  
Fran Bialy  
Carolyn Galatzan  
Larissa Brower  
William Standing, III

Guests: Peter DeWind, County Attorney

Mental Hygiene Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services  
Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services  
Amy Joyce, MH Intern

Meeting called to order at 9:40am

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Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from March 2023 & April 2023

Discussion: Both approved as written

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Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Corporate Compliance
  - Policies require board approval
  - Peter DeWind reviewing de-escalation
  - Bonadio constructed the policies for personalization
  - Board reviewed the Standards of Conduct
  - Compliance plan, oversight, education, auditing, and response to issues reviewed
  - Policies discussed in detail
    1. Antikickback
      - Bonadio Packet needs to reflect County policy
      - \$75 per person per fiscal year
      - No gifts or swag
    2. Billing errors, overpayments, and self-disclosure
    3. Conflict of Interest & Financial Disclosure
      - Includes Union Employees
      - Per Peter, use same form for union/non-union
      - Swap out Bonadio form with county including ethical concerns

- Per Peter & Lori, county financial disclosure forms to be used
  - Pre-condition of employment
  - Peter to address any union push back
  - Secretary to DCS to keep track of the annual agreement and send information to staff
- 4. Education & Training
- 5. Discipline & Reinforcement
- 6. Exclusion & Sanction Screening
  - Confirm ability to bill Medicaid (OMIG)
- 7. False claims & whistleblower
- 8. Development & Maintenance
- 9. Investigation of concerns by Compliance Officer
- 10. Response to government investigation
- 11. Roles & responsibilities of the committee
- 12. Search warrants - involving legal for documents & requests
- 13. Subpoenas
- 14. Travel & expense reimbursement
  - Adding county language
- 15. Whistleblower & retaliation
  - All documents will also be available online as in hard copy
  - Motion by Shawn Nalepa to approve, seconded by William Standing, III
  - Policies approved unanimously
  - Corporate Compliance training/testing will be completed annually by all
  - Wendy Arnold is the Corporate Compliance Officer and will review the annual training with the board
- RPF State Competitive Grant
  - Youth ACT services for Tompkins & Tioga Counties combined & RSS
  - Lori wrote letters of support with a 48-slot option
  - A location needed to house Youth ACT team
  - Lori feels this would be a huge benefit to the county
- County Plan
  - Identical to last year's plan
  - Focusing on the big picture
  - Lori is changing inpatient to yes for OMH & OPWDD
  - Need for crisis system for OPWDD
    - Cross training specific staff
  - Workforce retention
  - Housing crisis
- School Based Social Workers
  - Waverly and Tioga Central are each requesting 1 full time social worker
  - Each school will be sharing a portion of the cost
  - Candidates being sought
- Owego Clinic
  - Vacant Veteran's office being converted into the clinics office space
  - A sink is being installed in the Nurse Practitioner's exam room
- Spring CLMHD Conference
  - Lori & Sarah attended
  - County plans taken into consideration
  - Transportation being worked on at the state level

- Cab companies being utilized in the county
- Presentation on Psychedelics and SI
  - Positive use for mental health
  - Ketamine and benefits to mental health
  - Dr. Bezirgian explained how it improves the feeling of helplessness in the moment.
  - Improves the function of the brain
  - Arnot Psychiatry currently uses
  - Risk is low
- Question regarding the status of HeaHea -eating disorder clinic
  - Currently seeking staff
- New County Cars
  - Mental Hygiene getting two new cars next year
- Staffing
  - Dr. Bezirgian is seeing high risk clients weekly
    - All others biweekly
  - Large change in intake
  - New senior social worker improving the intake process and is doing a great job
  - Experiencing more turnover while seeing a large increase in demand for services
  - County is looking into new ways to hire and improve retention

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: New Business – John Bezirgian

Discussion: Board Member Discussion

- Two applications received and reviewed
- Board voted and approved both for membership

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9:30am.

