

Joint Mental Health & Substance Abuse Subcommittee
April 12, 2019

Present: Joyce Porter, Owen Allie, Steven Borden, Jennifer Neifeld, Peter Newkirk, Keith Stack, Amanda West, Ashley Livingston, Rachel Wolfeld, Sue McManus, Andrea Deepe, David Klippel, Dillon Swertner, Audrey Shaw, Kim Collier, Sarah Colvin, Maureen Schmidt, Stephanie Ball, Rebecca Evansky, Matthew Ryan, Lori Bishop, Lisa Baker

Staff: Robert York, Harry Carlson, Lisa Coutu, Carrie Wright, Crystal Lawrence

Agenda Item		Action
Introductions	Introductions were made around the table and the meeting began at 10:00am.	N/A
<p><u>Agency/Program Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CHAMP (Community Health Access to Addiction and Mental Healthcare Program) Joyce Porter, EASE Program Manager, Adirondack Health Institute ✓ Warren/Washington ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) Team Owen Allie, LMHC, Team Lead, Warren/Washington ACT Team Northern Rivers Family Services 	<p>CHAMP is a joint effort of OASAS and NYS OMH to create an ombudsperson program. It was established in partnership with community based organizations, including Community Service Society, Legal Action Center, the NYS Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, Legal Aid Society and the Medicare Rights Center. CHAMP can help recipients and family members by listening, educating, empowering and advocating to address barriers to treatment. Helpline representatives can assist with concerns regarding insurance, access to medication and treatment, denial of services, parity/coverage and discrimination issues, system navigation, medical benefits and enrollment referrals and legal assistance for insurance appeals in a timely and respectful manner. CHAMP Helpline-1-888-614-5400-Monday-Friday-9am-4pm.</p> <p>EASE (Enrollment Assistance Services and Education) serving 7 counties (Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren & Washington) 1-866-872-3740 or 1-855-650-0112 AHI 101 Ridge St., GF NY 12801</p> <p>The ACT team, operated by Northern Rivers, is located at 375 Bay Rd. Queensbury and shares space with the Northern Rivers Mobile Crisis Team. The ACT team provides treatment, rehabilitation, and support services to individuals in Warren and Washington counties diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental illness. They have a 48-slot capacity and serve individuals 18 years and older. Their mobile, multidisciplinary team works with clients in community settings to help them achieve personally meaningful goals and life roles. Referrals go through the Office of Community Services Single Point of Access (SPOA). They also provide the Care Coordination component, working with AHI. Owen reviewed a handout containing the NYS OMH ACT Standards of Care. Current</p>	

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Warren/Washington ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) Team Continued	staffing includes: Owen Allie, Team Leader; Cynthia Varney, Vocational, Educational and Employment Specialist; Steven Borden, Substance Abuse Specialist / Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist; Evelyn Stephenson, Peer Support Specialist/ Community Services Liaison; Gordon Hadsell, RN/Medical Liaison; Leslie Brownell, Program Assistant/Safety Monitor; Laura Walters, Family Specialist. Also finalizing arrangements for a part-time psychiatrist.	
2020 Local Services Planning Cycle	R. York stated the office is engaged in the development of the 2020 Local Services Plan (LSP), which is due to the State in June. Carrie Wright and Crystal Lawrence will coordinate a PDF to be sent via email for review and feedback.	
2019 – 2020 NYS Budget Updates	R. York provided updates regarding the 2019-2020 NYS budget process. He reviewed an enacted budget summary/analysis memo from the Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors (CLMHD). Several items of note were highlighted.	
Medicaid Managed Care Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ DSRIP BH-related project updates 	<p>J. Neifeld said they are serving as the lead applicant for DSRIP/AHI Innovation Funds for a community-wide transportation program for non-medical appointments, providing bus tokens, gas cards, etc. They are partnering with GGFT and Tri-County United Way for this project.</p> <p>Also, Baywood Center and Alliance for Positive Health have teamed up with the YMCA for a fitness program with family care, after-school care and camps for children and youth for wellness and socialization. They will provide a peer advocate, fitness coach, nutrition component and transportation along with a bi-monthly dinner for participants.</p> <p>Another DSRIP/AHI approved program was the re-entry ABLE program for inmates released from jail. Kickoff in May 2019 with 9 month funding. Currently they have had 29 people in the 1st Quarter with 18 having services.</p> <p>S. McManus stated CFP & CFR GF put in for DSRIP Innovation Funding to replace the OASAS Diversion funding that was cut in order to continue Programming.</p>	

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Hometown vs. Heroin and Addiction update	Amanda West stated the next meeting will be the 16 th at 3pm. Ashley Livingston announced “A Night to Remember” Prom at the WGF Firehouse on 5/11/19 at 6pm and Rides for Recovery at Crandall Park in GF 8/11/19 from 10am-3pm, flyers attached.	
<p><u>Informational Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Residential Services updates ✓ OASAS SOR (Statewide Opioid Response) grants ✓ Jail-based SUD services ✓ Criminal Justice and Community Services Task Force ✓ Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) ✓ School-based MH Clinic Services 	<p>Jen Neifeld stated 820 River St. will be converting the men’s facility on Crandall St to reintegration housing, which consists of 21 beds.</p> <p>Keith Stack announced that the ACCA Women’s Residence is moving forward with renovations to start in April and be completed by November. They are also working on development of a Men’s Program, more to come as it develops. Under the new 820 regulations, these will provide Rehabilitation and Stabilization services.</p> <p>R. York discussed the NYS Opioid Response (SOR) Grant increasing access to addiction treatment services in rural communities. It’s a one-time funding of up to \$150,000 for each County that providers will be requested to develop a proposal and budget justification for funds for the expansion of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services.</p> <p>R. York discussed the Jail-based SUD treatment funding of \$60,000 for each County.</p> <p>Carrie Wright, co-chair of the task force, states they continue to hold monthly meetings. There is good buy-in from criminal justice system partners. If you would like more info contact Carrie by email at wrightc@warrencountyny.gov</p> <p>Another week-long CIT training will be held the week of September 16th, hosted by Washington County Sheriff’s Office. Funded by DSRIP/AHI.</p> <p>Rob York provided and discussed a handout showing school-based OMH Satellite Clinics for Warren & Washington Counties by district. Jennifer N., Baywood, added Hudson Falls has a CASAC on site 1 day a week and she was approached by South Glens Falls and Salem Districts as well.</p>	

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<p>✓ Additional Information</p>	<p>Rob York reviewed handouts in the packet for Mobile Crisis Services, PEOPLE USA, Recovery Coach Academy Training, Capital Region Open Access Engagement Program and Red Cross Initiative “Sound the Alarm, Save a Life”.</p>	
<p>Agency Updates: Baywood Center/820 River St.</p> <p>AMH</p> <p>Center For Recovery HF</p> <p>PEOPLE, USA; Rose House</p> <p>OFA</p> <p>AHI</p>	<p>Those in attendance were given a chance to provide updates as follows; Jen N. stated Baywood has a new Outreach Counselor, Ashley. All sites are doing well. They have 9 FT staff; and are providing evening programs at the HF Annex. 820 River St. is looking for uses for the Granville Women’s’ site and is considering bringing community services agencies in to that space. Peter N. added their organization is stable, committed, and are not going anywhere. They will continue to find ways to serve the community.</p> <p>Andrea D. stated their clinic Open Access is doing well. They are looking for grant money for further expansion in schools. They are working hard on the new housing project planned for Glens Falls.</p> <p>Rachel said they had an unexpected 3-day OASAS audit/review. They are correcting any issues that were raised. They have a new 5-year contracted position, Community Resource Liaison starting April 29th at Washington County CPS, more to come as it evolves.</p> <p>David Klippel announced he will be leaving the Glens Falls location. He has been promoted to a new position within PEOPLE USA, and will be based in the Poughkeepsie area. Dillon Swertner, who is currently their Transition Care & Wellness Team Lead, will be stepping in as the Program Coordinator for the Warren Washington Rose House. They average nine guests per month, four hundred warmline calls per month, and currently offer three peer support groups in the community.</p> <p>Stephanie informed us of a survey that was sent out via email that is due by the end of May to Warren & Washington Counties. This is to inform their four-year plan to the state regarding local needs.</p> <p>Rebecca spoke of the Rural Opioid Response Grants. They have two community advisory groups to be held in Lake Placid June 26th & August</p>	

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<p>Center For Recovery GF</p> <p>CFP</p>	<p>15th. A webinar will also be available.</p> <p>Sue reminded us of the 2nd Annual 5K Out of the Shadows will be Saturday August 25th; the Resource Fair will be Friday September 13th. Last year they had twenty-one vendors and are looking to add more this year.</p> <p>Amanda told us that the Unseen Scene training has partnered with Queensbury School for a Summer program with 3 educators for 6 weeks. They are developing an Escape/Vape Room for the Glens Falls High School, more to come as it develops.</p>	
Adjournment and Next Meeting	<p><i>The meeting adjourned at 11:45pm. The next meeting of the Mental Health / Substance Abuse subcommittees of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Friday, July 12, 2019, 10a-12 noon at 230 Maple St. Glens Falls.</i></p>	N/A

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Lawrence, Secretary to the Boards