

DELAWARE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

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**Delaware County Board of Supervisors
Mental Health Committee Meeting**

- Regular Meeting Minutes
 Executive Session Minutes
 Draft Minutes
 Approved Minutes

January 22nd, 2024, at 12:30PM

PRESENT: Joe Cetta, Betty Scott, Art Merrill, Wayne Marshfield, Eric Wilson, Debra Mierop,
Sara Cirba & Doug Elston

Excused:

GUEST: Carolyn Whiteside, Lillian Brown

The meeting was called to order at 12:33p.m. by Chair Joe Cetta.

Minutes: The minutes from November 13th, 2023, were reviewed and approved upon

Motion from Wayne Marshfield and seconded by Art Merrill.

Motion Carried by Art Merrill, Joe Cetta, Wayne Marshfield, & Eric Wilson

Business

Vacancies: we currently have 1 Staff Social Worker vacancies
1 Supervising Staff Social Worker (this position is going to be filled by a Sr Staff Social Worker)
Mental Health Program Coordinator (we want to convert this to a different title)
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

Census: Mental Health/Drug and Alcohol is currently seeing 742 clients.
AOT- 2

Visits: in 2022 Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol have seen 10,116 visits, in 2023 Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol have seen 10,546 * this is an estimated number.

Handicap Accessibility: The window for our next OMH audit begins in July and the building is not fully ADA Accessible. There are doors that need to be automatic to meet ADA standards. Joe will take the lead to see what needs to be done to be contracted out.

New Business

Jail Services: We have resumed in person jail services for Mental Health and our Forensic Counselor is going to the jail approximately 10 hours/week, almost every weekday. She provides supportive counseling and risk assessment to clear inmates off constant watch. ADAS provides approximately 6 hours/week for jail services.

NYS DOH: is offering grants totaling 250 million dollars, for capital projects such as our new electronic health record including patient portal or building updates. Doug is going to pursue applying for these funds. The Behavioral Health building is paid for in full, Art suggested we look into the future to see what we might need before the funds dry up.

Integrated License: Part of the integrated licensing is not just combining OMH & OASAS but also DOH with providing annual physicals. For this clinic to perform physical exams there will need to be some updates to the medical suite. Doug and Sara will follow up with what changes need to happen.

Narcan Training: All staff will be participating in this free training. We are also looking into becoming an Opioid Overdose Prevention program so we can order Narcan kits in bulk as needed. OMH and OASAS require that we provide educational material and Narcan to any person that is using, or has household member that are using, Opioids.

Disaster Mental Health Training (MHDRT). OMH will be providing training including “train the trainer” with focus on supporting Mental Health during a crisis. OMH is looking for a team of 20-25 licensed and unlicensed individuals to receive training to provide direct support during disasters, and to develop trainers to support future training. Doug is contacting Steve Hood at emergency services and will also be contacting local fire departments. OMH has already started a new program where they call any time there is bad weather in the area to make sure we are able to handle everything.

Community Outreach: We are looking to do community events in May to celebrate May is Mental Health Month, and in September for Suicide Awareness Month. We would like to hold the events at the Behavioral Health Facility, including opportunities for tabling to provide materials and information highlighting available services within DCBHS and other community agencies. We are also exploring having a food truck or two here for the event. Joe also mentioned having a community open house during that time.

Adjournment for Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive session to discuss personnel issues by Eric Wilson seconded by Wayne Marshfield at 1:12PM

Motion Carried by Art Merrill, Joe Cetta, Betty Scott, Eric Wilson & Wayne Marshfield

Return from Executive Session

No Action taken.

Return from executive session at 1:30pm

Training monies- is there a way that we can pay for the training up front instead of reimbursement. Some of the smaller amounts are not bad to put on the County credit card, but the more costly training is where we are running into not having the credit card limit to do it. Art said to talk to Penny to see if there is a way we can pay up front with a check. Sara/Doug to follow up.

Training:

Jennifer Isaacson- Annual Membership to ATSA for sex offender treatment \$210.00 to be paid by training grant.

Kirsten VanSlyke- Food and Mood \$ 249.00 to be paid by training grant.

Jennifer Isaacson- Risk and treatment for women who have been Sexual offended \$50.00 to be paid by training grant.

Jennifer Isaacson- Supervision, screen time & Safety \$80.00 to be paid by training grant.

Jennifer Grigoli- Differential Diagnosis- \$459.00 to be paid by training grant.

Amy Melson- EMDR Therapy Training \$1525.00 to be paid by training grant.

Carolyn Whiteside- NYS Notary Exam prep \$77.00

Motion to allow the training by Art Merrill seconded by Eric Wilson

Motion Carried by Art Merrill, Betty Scott, Wayne Marshfield, Eric Wilson & Joe Cetta

Permission to Fill: None currently.

Adjournment/Next meeting:

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Art Merrill seconded by Eric Wilson

Motion Carried by Art Merrill, Betty Scott, Wayne Marshfield, Erica Wilson, & Joe Cetta

Meeting Adjourned at 1:35 p.m. by Joe Cetta.

The next meeting is March 18th, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. at the Behavioral Health Facility.

Submitted by:

Carolyn Whiteside