

Joint Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Subcommittee
July 10, 2020

Present: Katy Cook, Jennifer Hill, Jennifer Neifeld, Jackie Foster, Rachael Wolfield, Darby Larkin, Mark Lukens, Elizabeth Cole, Sue Mcmanus, Mary McLaughlin, Diane Hamm, Mark Adamick, Kelly Fahrenkopf, Catherine Chambers, Keith Stack, Stephanie Ball, Julie Beebe, Rebecca Ryan, Carissa Parot, Matthew Ryan, Audrey Shaw, Amanda West, Susan Dornan, Rebecca Evansky

Staff: Robert York, Harry Carlson, Crystal Lawrence

Agenda Item		Action
Introductions	Introductions were made around the table and the meeting began at 10:00am.	N/A
Agency/Program Presentations: DSRIP Data Review – Mark Adamick, Performance Improvement Specialist, AHI	M. Adamick provided and discussed a PowerPoint presentation showing MY5 DSRIP Data Review through June 2019. 54% of the Claims-Based Measures by PPS passed at the 10% level; Avoidable Adult admissions decreased by 31%; Re-Admissions were down by 25%; Preventable ED visits for the entire DSRIP period (MY0/2014-MY5/2019) were down 18% (GF in particular is down by 7%); The 7-day and 30-day follow up on hospital discharges has gone up over 10%; Anti-Depressant Medication Management for 3- months and 6-months has gone up by 5%. Of the Thirty-nine metrics statewide that reached the High Performance Level, AHI PPS hit 4, which will mean an as yet undetermined amount of additional funding that will be coming to the AHI PPS for distribution to their partner agencies.	N/A
BHSN/GFH Outpatient Services transition update	Behavioral Health Services North (BHSN) representatives, Mark Lukens, CEO, and Elizabeth Cole, Vice President of Operations, provided updates related to their progress over the past month in advancing the transition of the Glens Falls Hospital outpatient behavioral health programs and the Family Support Services program to BHSN. They have been working to develop their applications for both OMH and OASAS. Two weeks ago, they submitted their required NYS OASAS prior consultation form. The full state applications are being submitted today, July 10 th . They are hopeful for approval and a late Summer, early Fall opening. They have been having weekly calls with the state agencies, together with R. York. In mid-June, they met with most of the GFH staff via a virtual Town Hall meeting. In terms of location, they have identified potential office space that will allow them to relocate the main clinics to appropriate space. In terms of next steps, they will be submitting the state applications and begin meeting with GFH staff one-on-one to begin their hiring process. They plan to attend the CSB and Subcommittee meetings regularly.	N/A

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2021 Local Services Planning process	C. Wright and D. Larkin sent out a Local Services Plan survey to stakeholders, with a follow-up conference call to discuss priorities. Much is unpredictable, with COVID-19 impacts, potential resurgence in the Fall and uncertainty if schools will re-open, etc. The plan has been streamlined. The priorities and goals are now more integrated across systems, including integration of care, increase access to services, expand telemental health practice, increase peer-delivered services, and improve coordination and access to housing. The due date has been pushed back to August, due to COVID-19. The State is adding a COVID-19 impact survey.	
Informational Items:		
2020 3rd Quarter State Aid withhold	H. Carlson provided a table for both Counties showing the 3 rd Quarter State Aid withhold amounts. This is approximately 20% for OMH funds and 30% for OASAS funds. Total 3 rd Quarter withholds amounted to: Warren County-\$147,057; Washington County-\$73,267. The State has indicated they plan to keep agencies whole when and if adequate Federal stimulus is received.	
OASAS Statewide Opioid Response (SOR) projects	K. Stack stated the funding ends in September; their sustainability plan includes incorporating Mobile Outreach with the Women's Residence, (due to COVID) and hopes to utilize Warren County Jail Services and would like discussions with Washington County Jail. Also, he has purchased 68 Quaker Rd. for their Men's Residence hoping to open in Summer 2021.	
OCS summer volunteer internship	D. Larkin, an undergraduate student from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, is working with L. Coutu and the Office of Community Services as a volunteer intern this summer. She is a Queensbury resident with an interest in behavioral health and criminal justice systems. She is also working with C. Wright on the Local Services Planning activities	
CSB Budget Review Committee	The CSB Budget Review Committee will be convening via Zoom Thursday July 30 th and August 6 th from 1-3:30pm. Call letters have been issued to our contract agencies. Preliminary reviews will be occurring next week.	
ACT Team program development	L. Coutu stated the ACT Team has been opened up to Saratoga County, and will now serve as a tri-county program. The 48-slots for the program are nearly full at this point.	

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Informational Items: continued Criminal Justice and Community Services Task Force Focus/discussion on telemental health for Fall Subcommittee mtg (10/9)	<p>C. Wright added that the CJCS agencies have indicated a significant increase in overdoses during the pandemic period. S. McManus added she has seen an increase in Domestic Violence too.</p> <p>Katy Cook, Project Manager, Telehealth, Adirondack Health Institute, will be joining us for telehealth updates and a discussion regarding advancing increased use of telemental health within our local service system.</p>	
Agency Reports: COVID-19 Impacts, Reopening and general updates: Office of Community Services Independent Living Dual Recovery Northwinds AHI AHI Telehealth Liberty House	<p>Plans and measures are in place for reopening the Office of Community Services (OCS) and the WWAMH building at 230 Maple St., Glens Falls according to State guidelines. OCS is currently working with 50% staff on-site at any time, with staggered schedules. Following all CDC and State-issued precautionary guidelines for safety. The contract agencies are in similar stages of reopening.</p> <p>M. Ryan stated operations continued during COVID and AMH is continuing building the Cooper St residence.</p> <p>R. Ryan is offering virtual meetings 3 days a week and is looking to starting groups back up. She will have a newsletter out this month.</p> <p>R. Evansky has had similar discussions on continuing services and using telehealth although clients value the in person setting.</p> <p>M. McLaughlin said 25 Agencies went telephonic with no in person meetings. There has been an increase in high risk clients, and contacts with clients are now verbal or electronic through waivers.</p> <p>K. Cook added she is working hard on what will/will not remain after COVID. Her focus is on support for partners and assisting where needed to make telehealth permanent. She has Audio and Video procedures for Medicaid telehealth clients.</p> <p>J. Beebe stated the Onsite programs had to close due to COVID. They are providing support offsite, via phone, and Zoom. They're ready and waiting on OPWDD response for reopening.</p>	

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Agency Reports: COVID-19 Impacts, Reopening and general updates: cont. Baywood	J. Foster stated they remained open during COVID however stopped in person visits. They plan to reopen group services July 20 th . Telehealth has been beneficial but clients prefer in person. ABLE continued as usual, Outreach was using telehealth but is now back to in person. Gave a big thank you to Katy Cook for her help with telehealth.	
Council for Prevention	A. West stated she has been working remotely through COVID. Starting June 29 th she is in the office 2 days a week. She voiced concern over the State withhold of the 3 rd Quarter Advance. They received a PPE Loan and have a virtual education plan in place.	
Hope & Healing	C. Chambers stated they remained fully operative with both in person and virtual meetings. Some staff issues have come up with limited programming and scheduling. She would like to continue to add programs in August. She recognizes an increase in overdoses and deaths, the biggest struggle she saw was increasing the ability to connect to Mental Health. The staff has been dually trained.	
GFH Center for Recovery	S. McManus said all Behavioral Health services remained open, Washington County jail services continued through SKYPE, Groups were on hold until June when outside meetings was approved. They suffered a 50% furlough to staff and had to make changes in leadership. R. Wolfied added that the groups stopped in March, drug screen tests were as needed with positive results and relapse and she is looking forward to the Transition. J. Hill stated she is struggling with the staff furlough (4 still out) and is relying heavily on phone services, she is slowly building groups in outpatient.	
Warren Co NY Connects	A. Shaw has been helping with food, masks and sanitizer deliveries.	
Washington Co NY Connects	S. Ball said they are fully staffed; services are available via telephone, necessary transportation visits will continue next week.	
ACCA Womens Residence	K. Fahrenkopf announced the Residence has been open since December 2019; they have had some staff cuts and low numbers of residents and are	

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OMH	<p>looking for more referrals. They have a Case Manager and Nurse onsite and are doing therapy through Zoom. Referrals can be made via phone at 518-461-3971 or fax 518-599-0557.</p> <p>D. Hamm added they are reviewing telehealth aspect through many meetings; more will come with ongoing discussions.</p>	
Adjournment and Next Meeting	<p><i>The meeting adjourned at 11:45am. The next meeting of the Mental Health / Addiction Recovery subcommittees of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Friday, October 09, 2020, 10a-12.</i></p>	N/A

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Lawrence, Secretary to the Boards