

MINUTES  
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting  
July 25, 2024

Present: Amy Hughes, RJ Stutzmann, Captain Dan Morley, and Lillian McCarthy. Also present: Michael S. Prezioso, Ph.D., Megan W. Johnson, and Cari Abatemarco from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: Edmond Amyot, M.D., James Colamaria, Paul Morcone, Michaelah Townley, Maureen Lewsey, Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D., Christina Holst, and Nicole Tremblay, M.D.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Stutzmann called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was not established.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes from May 30, 2024 was not made due to lack of quorum.

**IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

None.

**V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OLD BUSINESS**

- A. CSEA Contract Update – The contract was approved and adopted by the membership and voted on and ratified by the Board of Supervisors last week. Wage increases will be retroactive to January.
- B. Safety – The contract for the safety officer is under review. More updates to come.
- C. CRPAs/SROs – Captain Morley explained that there have been some unexpected setbacks associated with the necessity of liability insurance for the recruitment of the CRPAs; however, is confident that there will be some sort of resolution. Dr. Prezioso stated that a meeting has been scheduled with HCDI on Monday to discuss potential strategies for resolving this issue.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. County Budget Process (HR) - The budget process is underway. Dr. Prezioso stated that the HR requests have been submitted and meetings with the Finance Director and HR Director have been held to discuss the proposal. Cari Abatemarco, Administrative Officer, explained that there were three requests submitted for reclassifications. The first item would be budget neutral and be a title change from

Mental Health Counselor to Psychosocial Rehabilitation Specialist in PROS which is a better representation of the what the job entails. The second request is the change of one of our Substance Abuse Counselor and Educator positions back to a Substance Abuse Counselor position which would likely make it easier for recruitment with the qualifications being easier to meet. Finally, we are also seeking reclassification of our Principal Account Clerk to Fiscal Manager.

- B. Peer Support Team County, Regional Recognition – The First Responder Peer Support Team was recognized for its Leadership by the Saratoga County EMS Council, and by the Regional Emergency Medical Organization (REMO) for Excellence in EMS Quality and Service. The Team's efforts, by virtue of REMO recognition, was forwarded to the NYS Department of Health Bureau of EMS for further consideration of a Statewide Service award. Dr. Prezioso reported that the Team is expanding access to First Responders in need through the use of confidential email, and expressed his gratitude for the number of volunteer Team participants. Mr. Stutzmann shared that Dr. Prezioso was individually recognized for Leadership (Saratoga County EMS Council) and Service (REMO).

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)**

**VIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be September 26, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Stutzmann concluded the meeting at 4:24 p.m. without making a motion due to lack of quorum.

**Respectfully submitted by: Kellie Russo**