

MINUTES  
Saratoga County Community Services Board Meeting  
May 30, 2024

Present: Edmond Amyot, M.D., Amy Hughes, Maureen Lewsey, RJ Stutzmann, Paul Morcone, Michaelah Townley, and Lillian McCarthy. Also present: Michael S. Prezioso, Ph.D., Megan W. Johnson, and Cari Abatemarco from the Mental Health Center.

Absent: James Colamaria, Erin Christopher-Sisk, Ph.D., Christina Holst, Captain Dan Morley, and Nicole Tremblay, M.D.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Amyot called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. A quorum was established.

**III. MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes from March 28, 2024, January 25, 2024, and December 7, 2023 was made by Dr. Amyot and was seconded by Ms. Hughes. Motion passed.

**IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

None.

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

- A. CSEA Contract – A mediation session has taken place. Ms. Townley stated that another one should take place mid-June. There are no additional updates at this time.
- B. Safety – An RFP for the presence of a security officer on-site was published and as a result, many applications were received. Dr. Prezioso additionally asked the County Administrator to recommend someone acquainted with security subtleties for assistance in reviewing the proposals. More updates to come.
- C. CRPAs/SROs – Dr. Prezioso stated that he and Captain Morley have begun the interviewing process for the CRPA/SRO program. Interviews will continue until a suitable candidate can be found.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Meeting with Mayor and Deputy Mayor – Dr. Prezioso stated he had participated in a “meet and greet.” There was a discussion regarding the scope of the services

Saratoga County Mental Health and Addiction Services provides and, from our vantage point, the various kind of services that are available and/or necessary to assist the homeless population.

- B. Local Services Plan Update – Goals/objectives have been updated and submitted which includes the goal of improving overall agency collaboration including agencies at the State level.
- C. Prevention Agenda Work Plans – The work plan, in conjunction with the plans from each agency responsible for providing preventative programs, has been submitted to OASAS.
- D. RISE (Stabilization/Rehabilitation Programs) – Dr. Prezioso stated that he has had conversations with RISE and OASAS regarding the development of a residential program that would involve the stabilization of individuals with addiction including a medical component, or a rehab-focused program. Dr. Prezioso will be meeting next week with Sybil Newell, Executive Director of RISE, to discuss their future plans.
- E. MHU Leadership – A Director for Saratoga Hospital’s Mental Health Unit has not yet been appointed.
- F. Prevention Council Leadership – Janine Stuchin, Executive Director of Prevention Council, will be retiring at the end of June. Ms. McCarthy stated that Amy McBride will be filling that role.
- G. Peer Support Team: Saratoga Springs, Waterford, and Clifton Park – There have been numerous debriefings due to tragic events in recent weeks. The team has served, in terms of group debriefings, between 75 to 100 people just in the last few weeks. Peer Support Team members have followed up with individuals one-on-one to ensure ongoing support.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved, seconded, and agreed at 4:30 p.m. that the Board move to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The Board returned to regular session at 4:53 p.m. No action taken.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be July 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Please see Executive Session above.

**Respectfully submitted by: Kellie Russo**