

**Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties
Warren County Community Services Board
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May 28, 2020**

Warren County

Present: K. Brayton-Chair, C. Bessen, B. Bradley, J. Dexter, H. Irion, M. Schmidt, C. Wasson

Excused: J. Grishkot-Vice Chair, A. Molloy

Washington County

Present: H. Adams-Wendell-Chair, T. DeLorme-Vice Chair, D. Boucher, C. Bromley, M. Burke, L. Michaud

Excused: P. Hunt, M.A. Murphy

Staff: Robert York; Harry Carlson

Guests: Marlana Cannata, Chris Hanchett, Mary McLaughlin

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
2020 Organizational Meetings – Call to Order	A quorum was confirmed for Washington County and the 2020 Organizational meeting for the Washington County Community Services Board was commenced at 3:00p. Outcomes are presented in the report detailed below. The meeting was held via Zoom videoconference and broadcast to YouTube on the Warren County You Tube page.	H. Adams-Wendell-Chair, presided over the meeting
2020 Washington County Organizational Meeting Report	Election of officers: (no election of officers, currently mid-term) Heather Adams-Wendell – Chair (1/1/19-12/31/20) Tammy DeLorme – Vice-Chair (1/1/19-12/31/20) Crystal Lawrence – Secretary to the Community Services Boards (1/1/19-12/31/20) The dates and time of the regular meetings of the Warren County CSB were established to be the 2 nd Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. Standing Committee and Subcommittee assignments were appointed as presented in the Board packets.	Motion: D. Boucher Second: M. Burke Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
Regular Meeting – Call to Order	A quorum was confirmed for both Warren and Washington Counties and the May 14, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards was convened. The meeting was held via videoconference and broadcast to YouTube on the Warren County You Tube page.	The meeting was chaired by K. Brayton, Warren Co. and H. Adams-Wendell Washington Co.

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Approval of Meeting Minutes	<p>Minutes of the December 12, 2019 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval for Washington County Only</p> <p>Minutes of the January 09, 2020 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval.</p> <p>Minutes of the March 12, 2020 joint meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval.</p>	<p>Motion: D. Boucher Second: M. Burke Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p> <p>Warren Motion: C. Wasson Second: B. Bradley Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p> <p>Washington Motion: D. Boucher Second: M. Burke Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p> <p>Warren Motion: C. Wasson Second: B. Bradley Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p> <p>Washington Motion: D. Boucher Second: M. Burke Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p>
New Business: Agency contract/budget amendments – 2020 State Aid	R. York reviewed a table provided in the meeting packet outlining 2020 increases in NY State Aid, from both NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) and the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), by designated contract agency. Approval was requested to amend the 2020 contract agency budgets and contracts accordingly to pass the funding to the agencies.	<p>Warren Motion: C. Wasson Second: M. Schmidt Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p> <p>Motion: T. DeLorme Second: D. Boucher Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p>
Informational items/updates: COVID-19	R. York provided updates regarding COVID-19. OCS staff have been working remotely since March 17 th . All essential functions of the office have continued. Some on site work still occurs, but staff	

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	<p>perform function, then return home. COVID-19-related mental health resources have been added to the County websites. We have distributed resource information to all County employees, including targeted outreach to Public Health staff. At request of the Warren County Office of Emergency Services, a virtual Family Assistance Center was developed. This consists of grief resources for families. Parsons Mobile Crisis team clinicians serve as a first point of contact. They provide telephonic emotional support and follow up referral as needed. We have promoted this resource through targeted outreach through GFH ICU and chaplain staff as well as local nursing homes. High Peaks Hospice has been a partner and is one of the ongoing grief support services available to families.</p> <p>R. York also reviewed impacts to the local provider system. Clinics moved quickly to remote operations, utilizing telephonic and telemental health to connect with clients. Day programs and peer respite beds had to close. Staff continued to work with remotely with clients to provide support and ensure access to medications, food, masks, etc. The Peer Warmline has remained active. Residential programs, mobile crisis, ACT, Health Home Care Management inpatient unit all have continued operations. GFH furloughed 50% of outpatient BH staff. This was prompted by restrictions on elective procedures, which severely impacted revenues, which were down over 50%. GFH was not eligible for some of the Federal Aid for hospitals, creating a fiscal crisis. Recently, they have become eligible for \$20 million in Federal advance aid. Elective procedures have now resumed, and BH staff have begun to be recalled.</p> <p>M. Cannata stated they had 50% of staff furloughed in April. As elective procedures have resumed, they have started recall of behavioral health staff. She detailed certain positions recalled to various programs. As volume continues to increase, they will continue to recall staff. They are using telehealth to communicate as much as possible. Patients seem to like it. They are seeing 80-90% show rates. Adults seem to like it more than children/youth.</p>	

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	<p>T. DeLorme expressed appreciation to R. York and M. Cannata for assistance working out a contract staff issue.</p> <p>Peer Recovery services have continued remotely via videoconferencing. Overdose spikes have been seen elsewhere in the region, although we have not seen so far. Hope and Healing is still distributing Narcan. Linda M. added that there has been a batch of fentanyl-laced drugs in the Capital District counties that have led to the overdoses.</p>	
Outpatient services transition update	<p>The transition of the outpatient behavioral health programs from Glens Falls Hospital to Citizen Advocates Inc. is currently on hold, due to COVID and also issues of delay due to transitioning the Electronic Medical Record. R. York reported there have been some recent changes in the administrative staff at Citizen Advocates, and they are continuing discussions with OCS and GFH regarding this. R. York reported the Parsons/Northern Rivers outpatient clinic application was denied by NYS OMH due to fiscal viability issues. They have stated they will reexamine after the new provider is in place to see the level of need on the community. They may consider proposing a smaller, satellite clinic.</p>	
GFH advocacy	<p>R. York reported the agencies are starting to plan for reopening. This will occur in phases. OCS will begin with staggered schedules to reduce staff onsite. WWAMH has developed a plan for building reopening at 230 Maple and they working closely w OCS on this. Our reopening plans will be very consistent. We anticipate mid-June to start phased reopening of the Office of Community Services.</p> <p>GFH advocacy was planned, but now tabled, due to securing \$20 million funding advance.</p>	
2020-21 NYS enacted budget	<p>R. York reviewed materials provided in the packet regarding the 2020-21 Enacted NYS Budget. Items of concern include a significant cost shift to counties for CPL 730 restorations for felony level</p>	

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<p>2020 Local Services planning cycle</p> <p>Additional items</p>	<p>defendants found not competent to stand trial. Previously the expense for the hospital-based restorations was a 50% County/50% State split. This will now be 100% County expense. The daily rate for this is approximately \$1000/day. Based on the previous four years, average Warren County costs are approximately \$34,000/yr. Washington County 4-year average is approximately \$82,000. We are looking to develop local strategies to reduce the number of CPL 730 orders. We will initiate discussions with Das, Public Defenders and judges/magistrates regarding developing diversion alternatives for some defendants. Some states are doing jail-based restoration, so we are researching that as well.</p> <p>Another concern is 10% reduction in LGU Admin funding. The anticipated impact is approximately \$12,000, although we do not have details yet.</p> <p>On the positive side, funding for jail-based treatment and release transition program (\$60,000/county) was continued. Both Counties receive this funding. Also, the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer-to-Peer funding (\$92,500) was continued. This is a joint-county program, with Warren and Washington County Veterans Services Agencies operating the program.</p> <p>R. York stated the Local Services Plan is usually due to NYS on June 1st; however the date has been pushed back to August 1st due to the pandemic. We will incorporate needs related to COVID-19 impacts.</p> <p>C. Hanchett, Warren County DSS Commissioner, provided an update on LDSS reopening. He is concerned regarding heroin and cocaine laced with fentanyl moving North in the region. Sadly, the timing has coincided with the distribution of Federal stimulus funds, contributing to the problem.</p>	

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Adjournment and next meeting.	The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Community Services Boards will be held on <u>Thursday, June 11, 2020</u> @ 3:00 pm.	

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Lawrence, Secretary to the Boards