

Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties
Warren County Community Services Board
Washington County Community Services Board
June 11, 2020

Warren County

Present: K. Brayton; Chair, J. Grishkot; Vice-Chair, A. Molloy, B. Bradley, C. Bessen, H. Irion, J. Dexter, C. Wasson, M. Schmidt

Excused: C. Bromley, D. Boucher

Staff: R. York, H. Carlson, L. Coutu, C. Wright

Washington County

Present: H. Adams-Wendell; Chair, T. DeLorme; Vice-Chair, M. Murphy, L. Michaud, M. Burke, P. Hunt

Guests: M. Cannata, P. Scimeca, T. Ruggiero, J. Pine, D. Czubak, M. Lukens, L. Cole, K. Jock, M. McLaughlin, J. Hill, S. Roberts, C. Johnson, D. Hamm

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
Regular Meeting – Call to Order	Quorums were confirmed for both Warren County and Washington County. The June 11, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Warren and Community Services Boards was convened at 3:03p.	The meeting was chaired by H. Adams-Wendell, Washington Co. and K. Brayton, Warren County.
Meeting Minutes	Minutes of the May 28, 2020 Regular joint meetings were distributed with the June meeting notice and presented today for approval. Minutes of the May 28, 2020 Regular joint meetings were distributed with the June meeting notice and presented today for approval.	Warren Motion: C. Wasson Second: J. Grishkot Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote Washington Motion: T. DeLorme Second: M. Burke Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
Presentations/Discussion: Glens Falls Hospital/Citizen Advocates/Behavioral Health Services North	R. York stated Citizen Advocates has informed him they have determined they are no longer in a position to assume the outpatient behavioral health programs operated by Glens Falls Hospital (GFH). C. Johnson, of Citizen Advocates continued and included they needed to reevaluate their plan due to various reasons, including COVID-19 and are formally withdrawing. They will offer technical assistance to BHSN, if they are approved as a new agency.	N/A
New Business: Transition of GFH Outpatient Behavioral Health Services	M. Lukens, L. Cole and K. Jock provided an overview presentation regarding Behavioral Health Services North. Their Headquarters is located in Plattsburgh, currently serving Clinton, Franklin and Essex Counties with 23 programs and 37 operating locations. They have a whole-person philosophy and integrated treatment model. They served over 5,000 clients in 2019. They have outpatient MH clinic services, school-based programs, primary care, crisis and substance services, care management and numerous other wrap around programs. BHSN is requesting support and endorsement from the	Warren Motion: J. Dexter Second: C. Wasson Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote Washington Motion: T. Delorme Second: M. Burke Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote

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New Business: (continued) Transition of GFH Outpatient Behavioral Health Services	CSB to establish services in Warren & Washington County to meet the needs of the community including current Glens Falls Hospital (GFH) clients. They hope to integrate care by bringing the outpatient mental health and addiction treatment services together as well as bringing primary care services in to the outpatient clinic setting. M. Lukens also spoke regarding their partnership with HHHN in the North Country. Included in the meeting packet is a letter of support from D. Tucker Slingerland, MD, CEO of HHHN. First steps will include submitting applications to NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) and NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), finding a location and starting telemental health services. If approved, they hope to become operational by the Fall of 2020. They plan to give all GFH employees the opportunity to apply for BHSN positions, and they will partner with GFH to ensure a smooth transition for the clients. They will provide regular updates to the CSB. The CSB will establish an ad hoc committee to review their state applications and provide input. Motions were made to approve BHSN as the new agency to take over the outpatient behavioral health and Family Support programs currently operated by Glens Falls Hospital.	
Informational: CSB Budget Review Committee	The CSB Budget Review Committee will be convening via Zoom. The call letters have been issued to our contract agencies.	N/A
COVID-19 updates OCS reopening plan	Plans and measures are in place for reopening the Office of Community Services and the WWAMH building at 230 Maple St., Glens Falls according to State guidelines. The contract agencies are in similar stages of reopening.	
Local Services Plan	C. Wright is working on a Local Services Plan survey to send out to stakeholders. The new due date for the plan is August 1 st .	
ACT Team program development	R. York stated the ACT Team has been opened up to Saratoga County and the 48 slots are nearly full at this point.	
Veteran's Peer-to-Peer program	R. York said the funding was continued in the NYS budget and the County Veterans Services Offices are currently recruiting for a coordinator.	

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Additional items	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.	
Adjournment and next meeting.	The meeting was adjourned at 4:37p. The next scheduled meeting of the Community Services Boards will be held on <u>Thursday, July 09, 2020 at 3pm via Zoom and YouTube broadcast on the Warren County NY YouTube page.</u>	

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Lawrence, Secretary to the Boards