

**Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties**  
**Warren County Community Services Board**  
**Washington County Community Services Board**  
**September 9, 2021**

**Warren County**

**Present:** Belinda Bradley, Holly Irion, Cindy Wasson, James Dexter

**Excused:** Kim Brayton-Chair, Chris Bessen, Amy Molloy, Christian Hanchett

**Washington County**

**Present:** Heather Adams-Wendell-Chair, Mary Alice Murphy, Lisa Meade, Linda Michaud, Adele Potter, Michelle Burke

**Excused:** Tammy DeLorme-Vice Chair, Claire Bromley

**Staff:** Harry Carlson, Carrie Wright, Robert York, Crystal Mallory, Linda Wright

**Guests:** Paige Lorette, Julie Beebe, Dean Clickner, Amanda West, Krystal Brooking

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
<b>Regular Meeting – Call to Order</b>	A quorum was confirmed for Washington County and the September 9, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards was convened and introductions were made around the table.	Meeting chaired by Heather Adams-Wendell
<b>Joan Grishkot Remembrance</b>	R. York noted with sadness the passing of long-time Warren County Community Services Board member, Joan Grishkot, who passed away on July 8, 2021. CSB members and staff shared some remembrances of Joan. Ideas for honoring her memory through a collective donation or possibly a garden plaque that could be placed at East Side Center were discussed. R. York will explore options and discuss further with the CSB in October.	
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	<p>Minutes of the June 10, 2021 joint regular meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were submitted with the meeting notice and presented for approval.</p> <p>Minutes of the May 13, 2021 joint regular meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were submitted with the meeting notice and presented for approval.</p> <p>Minutes of the June 10, 2021 joint regular meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were submitted with the meeting notice and presented for approval.</p>	<p>Warren Co: Deferred  Second:  Abstentions: None  Motion carried with unanimous vote</p> <p>Washington Co: M. Burke  Second: L. Michaud  Abstentions: None  Motion carried with unanimous vote</p> <p>Washington Co: M. Burke  Second: L. Michaud  Abstentions: None  Motion carried with unanimous vote</p>

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<p><b>2022 Contract agency budget overview presentations: Liberty House</b></p> <p><b>People USA Warren Washington Rose House</b></p> <p><b>Council for Prevention</b></p>	<p>Julie Beebe reminded the Board that since 2010 they have not asked for an increase of funds, Although, they have had an increase of business insurance and professional fees. She is excited for Value Based Payments and was invited to ACL next week. They are 90-100% vaccinated between their staff, OMH and OPWDD people.</p> <p>Dean Clickner reviewed the definition of Peer Advocate and reminded the Board that Rose House is 100% peer-run. They accept self-referrals for individuals 18 years of age or older for up to 5 nights. During COVID, they stopped accommodating overnight guests, however expect to resume this service in the next two weeks. They have continued their peer support services and the warmline throughout the COVID period. The warmline has fielded 700+calls.</p> <p>Amanda West discussed an anticipated loss of funding from Warren County Youth Court of \$60,000 and a cut in funding for the Recovery Center of \$15,000; regardless of the increased use of services. They are still adding schools for Prevention Services and are hoping for Workforce Money coming for recruitment and employment from OASAS; Rob and Harry will work with OASAS to advocate for funding for the Recovery Center and possibly draft a letter of concern from the Board.</p>	
<p><b>New Business: Approval of 2022 Contract agency budgets</b></p> <p><b>2022 Local Services Plan</b></p>	<p>H. Adams-Wendell asked for Washington County’s vote to approve the 2022 contract agency budgets, upon the recommendation of the CSB Budget Review Committee. Warren County’s vote is deferred.</p> <p>C. Wright presented on the 2022 Local Services Plan. She reviewed 7 Priority Outcomes, and associated goals, and objectives for the plan. Integration and coordination across the three disability areas and among local stakeholders; Increase access to flexible behavioral health and substance use services; Support and expand Telehealth opportunities across all three disability areas; Promote and aid the growth of peer-delivered services across the disability areas; Improve coordination and access to housing services across all three disability areas; Encourage the Systems of</p>	<p>Washington Co: M. Murphy Second: M. Burke Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p> <p>Washington Co: M. Murphy Second: M. Burke Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p>

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	Care model and wraparound services for children, youth and families; Facilitate cross training/continuing education for service providers and relevant local organizations. The PowerPoint slide deck will be distributed with the minutes.	
<b>Updates/Informational items:</b>	<p>R. York stated the State agencies and each County have received funding as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Results of a survey conducted by Warren County indicated a need to utilize funds to address mental health and addiction impacts of COVID. Warren County is setting up a committee to develop a process for distribution of the funds.</p> <p>Don Lehman mentioned to C. Wright that there were also Federal Funds of \$4.25 Million received.</p> <p>R. York stated that there are Opioid Settlement funds being given to Counties to address the impacts of COVID; it was asked if we could utilize a portion of this money to help the Council for Prevention and the Recovery Center. R. York stated this will be explored.</p> <p>R. York also mentioned an OMH RFP for a Youth ACT Team. Local providers may be exploring this. L. Wright mentioned working with Probation and Wait House on a proposal for a Youth Crisis Stabilization and Transitional Housing program for youth ages 16-24.</p> <p>OMH is making funds available to certain NYS counties with high arrest rates of individuals with serious mental illness. Our Counties were approached by OMH to discuss development of diversion programming. We are proposing to develop Diversion Services, and conduct CIT Training. Awards may be \$200,000 to \$300,000 in one-time funding. Sustainability plans will be developed for the diversion services.</p>	
<b>Adjournment and next meeting.</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Community Services Boards is scheduled for October 14, 2021, 3pm, via Zoom.	

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Mallory, Secretary to the Boards

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