

Community Services Board

Minutes: Monday – June 16, 2025 – Teams Meeting

Begin: 12:00 PM...Ended at 12:40 PM

Facilitator: Mark Searle, Chair (L)

Note Taker: Sandi Pierson – Confidential Administrative Assistant

Attendees

Attendees V=Member participated virtually L=Member participated Live, In-person

Present	Excused/Absent
• Hassan Abdul-Malik (L) • Jeanine Agnolet, Vice Chairperson (V) • Brian Altonen (L) • Gary Collins, Recording Secretary (L) • Alice Linder (L) • Nedra Patterson-Thompson (V) • Jean-Marie Niebuhr, LCSW-R (L) Deputy Commissioner/Director of Community Services	• Christina Aquino (E) • Barbara Citarella (E) • Amanda Dixon (A) • Karen Lancaster (E) • Sarah Ugolini (E) Guest: • Sarah Kadish

Previous Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
4/21/2025 & 5/19/2025 Minutes	<i>A motion to accept the April & May minutes as submitted was made by Nedra Patterson-Thompson, seconded by Brian Altonen, and approved by all Board members present.</i>	

Commissioner's Monthly Report

Topic	Discussion	Action
April & May 2025 Report	The Commissioner's Monthly Reports for April & May were distributed prior to today's meeting. Jean-Marie started by talking about the new Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) that will replace the current Partial Hospital Program (PHP). Unlike the PHP, which typically lasts about two weeks with daily attendance, the IOP will offer more flexibility. Participants can attend three days a week and access multiple services in a day, such as seeing a doctor, therapist, or attending group sessions. The IOP generally lasts 6 to 8 weeks, but there is no strict timeline, and insurance companies are more flexible with it compared to the PHP. Additionally, the IOP will allow for easier step-down to regular clinic services. If someone cannot commit to the IOP, they can still receive care in the clinic with greater flexibility. Coordination of care will be possible for those who have existing therapeutic relationships with other providers, allowing them to attend groups at the	

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	IOP while continuing their therapy elsewhere. The goal is to provide a more flexible and inclusive service compared to the PHP. <i>A motion to accept the Commissioner's Report as submitted was made by Hassan Abdul-Malik, seconded by Brian Altonen, and approved by all Board members present.</i>	

Announcements/Correspondence

Topic	Discussion	Action
n/a	n/a	n/a

Subcommittee Reports

Topic	Discussion	Action
Addiction & Recovery Hassan Abdul Malik	The group met and discussed the following: • They've had trouble getting subcommittee members to attend the meetings regularly. They've decided to now host in-person meetings with a later start time. • They're also interested in getting more statistics on overdoses in Dutchess County as well as some numbers on recovery.	n/a

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Children & Youth Alice Linder	The group met and discussed the following: • They discussed what presenters they'd like to see when they come back together in September. • Discussed the research being done on adolescent AOT in other states and counties to see what they're doing differently. • Spoke about peer-to-peer services for youth. The group hopes to compile a list of these services.	n/a
IDD Mark Searle	The group met and discussed the following: • This year marks the 10th anniversary of ThinkDIFFERENTLY! • The 5th annual Fitness & Field Day will be held on 6/26 at 11am at Bowdoin Bark. • Willow Baer, Commissioner for OPWDD will be hosting an open house, strategic planning meeting at New Horizons later this month.	n/a

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Mental Health	The group met and discussed the following: Continued to work on the “Green Envelope Project”. The Suicide Overdose Fatality Recommendation Subcommittee is supportive of the concept and willing to collaborate. The Sheriff’s office has also expressed support.	n/a

New Business

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MCIT Incident	Jean-Marie told the group about a tragic incident in the community last week involving the mobile crisis team. During their response to an individual in crisis, a mobile crisis worker and the individual's father were injured, but both are now okay. Unfortunately, the individual was shot and killed by police. This event has deeply affected the community, including the mobile crisis workers, the family, and the first responders. The incident is under investigation by the Attorney General, as is standard procedure for officer-involved	

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	shootings. There was some initial inaccurate reporting around this incident, but it has since been clarified. The Town of Poughkeepsie police responded. Most law enforcement in the county receive 40 hours of crisis intervention training, including training on dealing with individuals with developmental disabilities.	

Old Business

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Virtual Meetings	The group had discussed the possibility of holding virtual meetings due to difficulties in achieving a quorum for recent meetings. However, virtual meetings for open meetings are not straightforward because they must remain accessible to the public. This means that virtual meetings would need to be held in community spaces like libraries or county buildings, with all locations listed on the public notice each month. The legislature was not in favor of this idea, since it gets very complicated. If meeting times become an issue, it can	

	be reconsidered, but moving to a virtual platform is not seen as feasible.	
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Follow-Ups

Topics	Discussion	Action
n/a	n/a	n/a