

Community Services Board

MINUTES

Monday – December 16, 2024 – Teams Meeting

Begin: 12:00 PM...Ended at 1:00 PM

Facilitator	Mark Searle, Chair (L)	
Note Taker	Sandi Pierson – Confidential Administrative Assistant	
Attendees	<u>PRESENT:</u> Hassan Abdul-Malik (L) Jeanine Agnolet, Vice Chairperson (L) Cheryl Brady (L) Alice Linder (V) Nedra Patterson-Thompson (V) Sarah Ugolini (L) Jean-Marie Niebuhr, LCSW-R (L) Deputy Commissioner/Director of Community Services V=Member participated virtually L=Member participated Live, In-person	<u>EXCUSED/ABSENT:</u> Brian Altonen (E) Christina Aquino (A) Barbara Citarella (E) Gary Collins, Recording Secretary (E) Amanda Dixon (E) Heather Kunkle (A) Karen Lancaster (E) Brianna Wasilewski (A) <u>GUESTS:</u>
PREVIOUS MINUTES		
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11/18/24 Minutes	<i>A motion to accept the November minutes as submitted was made by Jeanine Agnolet, seconded by Sarah Ugolini, and approved by all Board members present.</i>	
COMMISSIONER'S MONTHLY REPORT		
November 2024 Report	The Commissioner's Monthly Report for November was distributed prior to today's meeting. Jean-Marie started by talking about the County Executive's interest in expanding children's services in Dutchess County. Sue & Jean-Marie recently took a trip to Orange County to see a Community Residence for girls run by Rehab Support Services (RSS) to see their model and discuss bringing a program like this to Dutchess. It's licensed by OMH and for children under the age of 18 with a mental health diagnosis. It's a long-term therapeutic living environment for children when they can't be in the home, for whatever reason. We would need to find a provider that would be interested in running a 24-hour program like this. Jean-Marie shared that this would be a great service to be able to offer alongside the Crisis Residence that will be run by the Children's Home, so young people have resources to transition to throughout their care. <i>A motion to accept the Commissioner's Report as submitted was made by Jeanine Agnolet, seconded by Sarah Ugolini, and approved by all Board members present.</i>	Jean-Marie will see if the navigators are able to help youth, as well.
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE		
SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS		
Addiction & Recovery Dr. Hassan Abdul Malik	<i>The group met and discussed the following:</i>	

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	- The group elect Steve Fabrizio as their Chair and Jamonte Johnson as their Vice Chair. - They discussed connecting with providers and find out more about what populations they're serving and what their main needs are. - They also plan to connect with the Medical Examiner's office to get data on opioid overdoses in Dutchess County and which areas of the County are most affected. <i>A letter of interest and resume were sent in advance for Julia Brower, a perspective new member. A motion was made to accept Julia as the subcommittee's newest member and was approved by all in attendance.</i>	
Children & Youth Amanda Dixon	<i>The group met and discussed the following:</i> - Alice reported for the group and shared that they are continuing to work to create a pamphlet on Dutchess County supports and services for providers and families in the community, using the NYS document as a guide, but being mindful to include referral information for these services. - They have been discussing resources for very early interventions for parents who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Interventions would hopefully prevent some big issues down the line and might include teaching parenting skills and showing parents how to foster a good relationship with their baby etc. There are some similar models within DCFS & Early Intervention, but nothing quite like what the group was discussing. They're going to investigate it further.	
IDD Mark Searle	<i>The group met and discussed the following:</i> Mark shared that the group hosted Rob Viscusi of Taconic DDSO. Rob gave an overview of the services that NYS provides in Dutchess County. The state operates 38 IRAs in Dutchess County, while they are not all open at this point, that is in addition to many other homes and services that they offer.	

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	The ThinkDIFFERENTLY Conference was held the first week of December. They had over 60 people attend. Next year, this will be a half day event, instead of a full day conference.	
Mental Health	<i>There was no one present to report.</i>	
NEW BUSINESS		
OLD BUSINESS		
Review of Bylaws	The group discussed the bylaws, and several possible changes were proposed. Everyone would like more time to review and will present additional changes at January's meeting.	
Nominating Committee	The following Slate of Officers was presented for the calendar year 2025: - Mark Searle, Chair - Jeanine Agnolet, Vice Chair - Dr. Gary Collins, Secretary <i>A motion to approve the proposed Slate of Officers for 2025 was made by Sarah Ugolini, seconded by Hassan Abdul-Malik, and unanimously approved by those Board members present.</i>	
FOLLOW-UPS		

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