

Community Services Board

MINUTES

Monday – November 18, 2024 – Teams Meeting

Begin: 12:00 PM...Ended at 12:50 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) Brian Altonen (L) Gary Collins, Recording Secretary (L) Amanda Dixon (V) Karen Lancaster (L) Alice Linder (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> Christina Aquino (A) Cheryl Brady (E) Barbara Citarella (E) Heather Kunkle (A) Nedra Patterson-Thompson (A) Brianna Wasilewski (A) <u>GUESTS:</u>

PREVIOUS MINUTES

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
10/21/24 Minutes	<i>A motion to accept the October minutes as submitted was made by Karen Lancaster, seconded by Hassan Abdul-Malik, and approved by all Board members present.</i>	
COMMISSIONER'S MONTHLY REPORT		
October 2024 Report	The Commissioner's Monthly Report for October was distributed prior to today's meeting. Jean-Marie started by explain more about the Mental Health Court Navigator positions. Dutchess County and a number of other counties in NYS were chosen to receive these positions based on certain criteria. She was provided some guidance documentation and asked to create a plan for how the MH Court Navigators would fit into our system. Jean-Marie sought input from DMH leadership, the public defender, the DA, and more to create this plan. When the state approves the plan, the money for these positions will be included in the State aid and they will become Dutchess County employees. The idea is that this will help connect individuals with support in the courtroom and help them navigate that judicial process. In addition, Jean-Marie shared that the Office of Court Administration will be working with Dutchess County to set up a Mental Health Court, which is exciting news. This will help keep people with mental illness in treatment, instead of jail, as much as possible. Lastly, Jean-Marie mentioned that she's changing the template for the data reporting that she uses for her monthly reports. She invited feedback from the Board in the next few months to see if this new template is effective.	Jean-Marie will see if the navigators are able to help youth, as well.

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	<i>A motion to accept the Commissioner's Report as submitted was made by Jeanine Agnolet, seconded by Karen Lancaster, and approved by all Board members present.</i>	
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE		
SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS		
Addiction & Recovery Dr. Hassan Abdul Malik	<i>The group met and discussed the following:</i> • They hosted David McNamara, Director of the Samadhi Outpatient Clinic. He spoke on the work they do in Ulster County, including their street outreach efforts with their mobile unit.	
Children & Youth Amanda Dixon	<i>The group met and discussed the following:</i> • Amanda shared that the group is continuing it's 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. • Dr. Kimberly Clare came and spoke to the group about gaps in mental health supports for youth. • They also spoke about the Family Care Advocates that are housed in MHA and how helpful and supportive they are for families that need connection to services.	
IDC Mark Searle	<i>The group met and discussed the following:</i> • Mark shared that the ThinkDIFFERENTLY conference will be held on 12/5, and the topic will be disability etiquette. He stated that this will be the last year that the conference is offered as a full day event. Staffing issues among the agencies make it very difficult for people to be able to break away for an entire day. • The group voted on positions, as well. Mark will continue to serve as Chair and Patrick Muller will serve as Vice Chair.	

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Mental Health	<i>There was no one present to report.</i>	
NEW BUSINESS		
Review of Bylaws	Mark announced that it is time for the bylaws to be reviewed and that an ad hoc committee will need to be selected to do that. Jean-Marie stated that there will be a new subcommittee created that focuses on rural mental health. They will focus on grant opportunities to bring more resources to these parts of the county and more. That will need to be reflected in the bylaws, as well. There was discussion on what services currently look like in eastern Dutchess County and where the gaps are. It was decided that Mark, Jeanine, Sarah and Hassan will review the bylaws and present possible updates/changes at next meeting.	
CSB Positions for 2025	After a group discussion, Mark, Jeanine and Gary all offered to continue to serve another year in their current positions. There will be a formal vote at next month's meeting.	
OLD BUSINESS		
FOLLOW-UPS		

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