

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 9, 2024

LOCATION: Health & Human Service Building

PRESIDING: Karen Boliver

SECRETARY: Anna Platz

ATTENDEES (Sign-in sheet attached): Julie Grau, Dr. John Wat, Rose Larkins, Ashley Waite, Jessica Moser, Karen Boliver, Melanie Saber, Wyatt Wagner, Mark Waterhouse, Pat Fralick, Anna Platz, Ed Thomas, Jennifer Rich, Maureen Cean, Austen LaBarge, John Wilson, Vincent Smith, Diane Zikowitz, Aileen Martin, Natalie Burnham.

TOPIC DISCUSSED	SUMMARY OF TOPIC DISCUSSED	DECISION/ACTION TO BE TAKEN	DEADLINE/ PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Call meeting to order	The meeting was called to order at 7:30 am. Quorum present		
Approval of the Minutes	Regular minutes from 12/12/2023 presented for approval.	Moved by Melanie Saber seconded by Mark Waterhouse. Motion carried unanimously.	
Privilege of the Floor	N/A		
New Business	<p>Welcome Jessica Moser and Ashley Waite to the Community Services Board (CSB)</p> <p>Welcome Anna Platz as Community Services Deputy Director</p> <p>Mental Health Law Review and Compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Services Board Teams Meeting Link, agendas and meeting minutes will now be shared on the Lewis County website. This will give any community member the opportunity to participate in the meeting and stay informed. • Current vacancies on the CSB and subcommittees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSB Co-Chair - SUD Chair - 1 SUD Seat (by a CSB Member) - DD Co-Chair <p>Lewis County Government Procedural Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat’s monthly report will now be shared publicly. Contracted agencies have been informed. • The Sheriff’s Department and Probation Department will now report to the Human Services Legislative Committee • The County is hiring a full-time communications employee 	<p>CSB Co-Chair – Wyatt Wagner</p> <p>SUD Chair – Vacant</p> <p>1 SUD Seat – Karen Boliver</p> <p>DD Co-Chair – Wyatt Wagner</p>	
Old Business	<p>24/7 Crisis Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting has been scheduled between Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization (FDRHPO), Lewis County 		

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	<p>Community Services, Jefferson County Community Services and OMH. FDRHPO is being considered as a Project Manager for 24/7 Crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are considering a regional approach because that is favored by all “O” agencies and there is currently no funding available to sustain this program, once it’s developed. Jefferson County also has access to funding sources that Lewis County does not. <p>New Substance Use Prevention Service Provider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Services Board obligation/priority is to ensure that Prevention Services are provided in Lewis County and that our community’s needs are being met. • We were informed by OASAS that a new prevention provider would be eligible to receive 2024 State Aid as soon as a contract is signed. • At this point in time, PIVOT is still interested in providing Prevention Services in Lewis County. • Pat has a list of questions that she needs to answer and follow up to PIVOT with. As soon as she has the answers, she will present to PIVOT’s Board, with a more formal decision to follow. • In the meantime, we would like to convene a group of relevant stakeholders to discuss prevention services, needs and high-level goals/objectives. • The Community Services Department is focusing on preparing the building that Mountain View occupied for the next Prevention Services Provider and ensuring that Credo’s needs are met as they continue to occupy the other half of the building. • Please direct all questions related to Mountain View Prevention Services to Pat. <p>Development of Opioid Litigation Utilization Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder that any dollar amount is a projection and can change over time/year to year. • The Substance Use Disorder/Mental Health Subcommittee will focus on developing this plan in 2024. • There is a general consensus that these dollars should be allocated to programs/projects that will improve social determinants of health. • The two funding sources each have their own reporting requirements, which we will need to meet. 		

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	<p>Merger of TLS and Credo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new organization will be called Thrive Wellness & Recovery. The name is being shared in a soft release. • Waiting for final approval from the Attorney General. • Both organizations continue to meet monthly with OASAS, OMH and their lawyers. • Credo cannot move staff down to the Commons Building until the Board of Elections has vacated their space. 		
Directors Report	See Old Business		
Subcommittee Reports	<p>Substance Use Disorder/Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p>Developmental Disability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 		
Agency Updates	<p>NRCIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is interest in expanding the SPARK program to Copenhagen School. • Patty Ward-Laflesh is retiring on Friday. Her responsibilities are being split up between two current employees. • NRCIIL is expanding in St. Lawrence County and is looking for office space to accommodate a larger number of employees. The office will likely stay in Ogdensburg. • In talk with ACES to offer Anger Management classes. • Community Mental Health Partners are being considered for Care Path Coaches training. <p>Credo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still experiencing a staffing crisis. Recruiting qualified staff is especially difficult in Lewis County. <p>TLS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TLS can begin renting up to 6 beds in Lewis County. • The job description for the ACT Team prescriber has been updated to more of a hybrid/remote position. • The ACT Team lead position is vacant but currently being filled by an RN. • TLS continues to communicate regularly with Oswego County's ACT Team. <p>ARC</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing is a little better, but they are still in need of two LPN's. <p>Mental Health Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Lamb (Vet Peer to Peer Program) has been very active with the American Legion. • Vet Peer to Peer is growing to St. Lawrence County. <p>Children's Home of Jefferson County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mari has left. Michelle Monnat has been appointed CEO and plans to attend future meetings. 		
Action Items:	N/A		
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.	Moved by Wyatt Wagner seconded by Melanie Saber. Motion carried unanimously.	
Next Meeting:	February 13, 2024 at 7:30 am.		