

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

June 15, 2010

The St. Lawrence County Community Services Board met on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 in the Human Services Complex, Canton, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marsha Sawyer, Tina Buckley; Tim Cameron; Lynette Collins; Sallie Brothers; Michele Montroy; Carolyn White, James Westerfield, Lynne Matott

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Vicki Perrine, Chairperson; Daphne Pickert, Dr. Saleem, Chief John Kaplan; Sue Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Doyle

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Ayen, Director of Community Services; Shannon Beldock, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Ms. Perrine, Chairperson and Ms. Pickert, Vice Chair, Ms. Ayen called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by L. Collins, seconded by M. Sawyer, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the May 18, 2010 Board meeting, previously distributed, were approved as presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

MH: Ms. Ayen shared that the clinic restructuring has been postponed until October 1, 2010. There is currently one vacancy on the Mental Health Subcommittee. Karen Easter recently spent 3 days in Albany for Suicide Intervention Training. The State presented the OMH suicide prevention plan for next year. Funding at the state level is down, but they will continue to provide training materials for ASIST training. In August there will be a shorter suicide prevention session using (QPR) Question – Persuade – Refer. Dr. Gabriel has been hired on a part-time basis to fill the vacant Psychiatrist position.

MRDD: Ms. Ayen shared the 2011 Priority Outcomes were discussed and a plan devised. Website links for Developmental Disabilities that would be helpful for parents and providers were discussed. These links may also be added to the St. Lawrence County website. Corporate Compliance and how voluntary agencies are implementing this was discussed. Ms. Peters shared the training opportunities that are advertised on the Parent-to-Parent website. Ms. Pickert shared that over 300 people attended the recent Showcase play where they performed “Rules of Comedy.” There are 15 children that will be attending NYSARC’s “Mini Camp” at Dodge Pond (3 days/2 nights). This camp is for children with multiple disabilities.

BOCES: Ms. Valley reported on staffing changes within the BOCES agency due to retirements. Nancy Avery is the new Director of Special Education. Ms. Valley also shared it would be her last MRDD Subcommittee Meeting, she retires at the end of June.

Sunmount DDSO: Mr. Walker reported Steve DeHond is officially appointed as the Director at Sunmount. Shared that State Aid funding for the OMRDD piece would be given in some partial payments. Reported that Day Habilitation efficiency adjustments went into effect 5/1/10.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Ayen reported meeting twice with the Board of Legislators regarding their request for information on programs and services. A plan was presented to reduce costs by \$130,000 in the 2011 budget, mostly through attrition. Layoffs were not a viable solution as this would hinder the quality of services we provide. She shared that the Mental Health waiting list is up from 40 to 60 adults and up from 6 to 16 kids. The Supervisor of Expanded Children's Services position is still vacant. Dr. Gabriel has been hired part time to fill the Psychiatrist position vacated 5/14/10. Christine LeBel has been hired as Medical Consultant for jail. Susan Riley, Forensic Mental Health Counselor, is retiring at the end of July. A request for permission to fill this upcoming vacancy 2 weeks prior for training and orientation purposes will be presented to the Finance Committee and hopefully permission will be granted. A request was submitted to the Services Committee to hire a Licensed Social Worker which would be a shared position with Public Health. The Director of Chemical Dependency position is still vacant. The exam was given in May, results should be in by mid-July. Currently the two Senior Chemical Dependency Counselors are covering for clinical oversight of the clinics. The Principal Fiscal Officer exam was given this past Saturday. The Senior Account Clerk position is still vacant. Will await results before filling Senior Account Clerk position. This will enable the position to be canvassed as permanent instead of contingent. The Lois Bell account is at \$49,806 as of 5/31/10, a decrease of \$4,300.

OLD BUSINESS

2010 Budget Update: Ms. Ayen reported that the State passed this weeks budget extender for Mental Hygiene and Human Services state aid payments for the remainder of the state fiscal year. We are hoping to get pass thru money out to agencies. The impact to our agencies at this point is unknown. The extension for the Social Worker licensure as been pushed back to 3/31/11. MRDD 2010 Trend payments are going to be retroactive to 2009. Their savings come from the Medicaid Service Coordinator (MSC) and efficiencies.

Subcommittee Vacancies: Ms. Ayen announced there is one vacancy on the MH Subcommittee and one vacancy on the MRDD Subcommittee. Alan Mulkin was approved for membership on the Mental Health Subcommittee and Joette Holgado was approved for membership on the Alcohol/Substance Abuse Subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parent: Ms. Collins asked about the Suicide Awareness Walk. Ms. Ayen shared that the Suicide Awareness Coalition Committee met on Monday. Mary Jones and Danielle Hernandez are co-chairs of this Coalition. The Suicide Awareness Walk has been tentatively scheduled for April 2, 2011. They will be working over the summer to organize this in hopes of it being held at Partridge Run in Canton. Brochures will be made to help increase awareness and previous agencies and donors will be contacted. The Committee would like to offer scholarships for suicide awareness and intervention trainings. Students from the SUNY Health Services class have volunteered to coordinate this process.

AMI: Ms. Matott shared that the AMI meetings have been changed to the last Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm, at the Unity Chapel on the SLPC grounds, starting in June. Shared she was able to attend the Transitional Living Services' open house of their new facility. Shared the facility layout and accommodations that are available to the consumers living there and how very nice they were.

Rose Hill: Ms. Buckley distributed a copy of the Rose Hill Annual Report for 2009 to all members and shared some of the highlights.

HOPE line: Mr. Cameron shared the HOPE line is going good. Stated their call volumes have increased every year except one over the past 10 years.

CPH: Ms. White shared they have interviewed 2 Psychiatrists. Also shared she is retiring as of August 31, 2010, but does plan to remain a member of the Community Services Board.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 21, 2010.

Shannon Beldock, Administrative Assistant