

**Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties  
Warren County Community Services Board  
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March 12, 2020**

**Warren County**

**Present:** Kimberly Brayton, JD, PhD, Chair; James Dexter; Amy Molloy; Maureen Schmidt

**Excused:** Chris Bessen; Belinda Bradley; Joan Grishkot; Holly Irion; Cynthia Wasson

**Washington County**

**Present:** Heather Adams-Wendell, Chairperson; Tammy DeLorme; Linda Michaud; Mary Murphy

**Excused:** Desiree Boucher; Claire Bromley; Michelle Burke; Patty Hunt

**Staff:** Robert York; Harry Carlson; Carrie Wright; Crystal Lawrence

**Guests:** Deborah Vaughn; Shannon Boreali; Marlana Cannata; Joleen Darby; Dillon Swirtner; Kati Jock; Mary McLaughlin; Adrienne Slayko;

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
<b>Regular Meeting – Call to Order</b>	Quorums were not confirmed for Warren County or Washington County. The March 12, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Warren and Community Services Boards was convened at 3:03p.	The meeting was chaired by H. Adams-Wendell, Washington Co. and K. Brayton, Warren County.
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	Minutes of the December 12, 2019 Regular joint meetings were distributed with the March meeting notice and presented today for approval. (Washington only).  Minutes of the January 09, 2020 Organizational meeting and Regular joint meetings were distributed with the March meeting notice and presented today for approval.	Washington Motion: Deferred  Warren Motion: Deferred  Washington Motion: Deferred
<b>Presentation: Children &amp; Youth Systems of Care</b>	Linda Wright, Children and Youth Single Point of Access Coordinator, provided a presentation on Children and Youth Systems of Care. A large part of the C&Y SPOA role is systems work to develop and enhance the Systems of Care framework within the Counties. Opportunity was provided for input from the Board members on strategies to advance this work.	N/A

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<b>New Business: Agency Contract/Budget Amendments-2020 COLAs</b>	A table was provided in the meeting handouts of 2020 contract agency budget/contract amendments.	Warren motion: Deferred Washington motion: Deferred
<b>Informational: 2019 Achievements/2020 Goals</b>	R. York reviewed a handout with the Boards of 2019 achievements and 2020 goals for the Office of Community services and for the behavioral health system within our counties.	N/A
<b>2019 Forensic Expenses Report</b>	R. York reviewed a handout of 2019 Washington County forensic expenses. This includes data on the NYS OMH Chargebacks to Counties for inpatient restoration costs for individuals with felony level charges found to be not competent to stand trial per Criminal Procedure Law section 730. A similar report is being developed for Warren County expenses and will be shared at a future meeting. These will be regular, periodic reports provided to the Boards to monitor these expenses.	
<b>2020-21 NYS Executive Budget</b>	R. York reviewed with the Boards a memo produced by the NYS Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors relative to the proposed NYS Executive Budget. Items of concern include proposed 10% cut to LGU administrative funding; proposed significant shift in costs to the Counties for CPL 730 restoration costs (from 50% to 100%); Medication Assisted Treatment funding for jails is not included; funding for Joseph P. Dwyer veterans peer services is not included. Continued funding for jail-based treatment and release coordination services is included (\$60,000/county). Advocacy efforts continue for inclusion of funding items above, and for elimination/reduction of the cuts and cost shifts to Counties.	
<b>Outpatient services update</b>	M. Cannata and K. Jock provided an update on outpatient services transition from GFH to Citizen Advocates, Inc. Some delays have been experienced due to Electronic Medical Record (EMR) issues, but they are working through them. Target date of April for the transition has been pushed back to later in the year, likely sometime this summer. GFH is committed to continuing to provide all services until the transition occurs.	

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<b>Jail-based services update</b>	C. Wright provided an update on development of jail-based substance abuse services. Sheriff LaFarr has included some substance abuse recovery services in his health/behavioral health services contract. The OASAS funds that flow through us to ACCA are being planned for connecting with inmates prior to release, and utilizing SOR grant funds to bridge them to connection to outpatient services. More info to follow as this service is further developed.	
<b>School-based mental health clinic services</b>	R. York provided a review of development of school-based clinic services. Northern Rivers, CDPC and Caleo are providers. The continued expansion of these services has helped to increase outpatient clinic capacity in our counties.	
<b>Joseph P. Dwyer veterans peer program</b>	R. York provided an update on the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer-to-Peer program. The Coordinator position is currently vacant and there has been some discussion as to whether to fill as a county position or to issue an RFP to contract it out. He is working closely with the County Veterans Services Directors and County Administrators on this and they have decided to keep it as a county position. Efforts to repost and fill the position are underway. Some peer services and activities have continued, delivered by the Veterans Services Directors and volunteer veterans.	
<b>Board member Code of Ethics forms</b>	Crystal Lawrence reviewed status of Board member Code of Ethics forms and collected signed forms today from Board members present today.	
<b>Additional items</b>	No additional items	
<b>Adjournment and next meeting.</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 4:15p. The next scheduled meeting of the Community Services Boards will be held on <u>Thursday, April 09, 2020 at 3pm at 230 Maple St, Glens Falls.</u>	

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Lawrence, Secretary to the Boards