

**Oswego County Division of Mental Hygiene
Community Services Board
Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 19, 2023**

Present: Brian Coleman, Samantha Cleveland, Teresa Woolson, Julie Landy, Amy Durkin, Patrick Waite, Diane Oldenburg, James Karasek

Excused: Greg Osetek, Sara Sunday, Robert Ireland, Melinda Casson, Ellen Lazarek, Eric Bresee, Lee Sullivan

Absent:

Staff: Nicole Kolmsee, Director of Community Services
Catherine Li Voti-Rice, Community Services Program Coordinator
Nathan Barron, Adult Services Coordinator
Susan Naugle, Senior Typist

Community Members: Lori Murray (DSS AP), Dean Wright (Desen's House), Alyssa Maglione (Helio), Jessica Hotaling (OCO), Pete Williams (Health Dept.), Kim Anglestein (CC), Beth Hurny-Fricano (ARISE), Teresa Edwards (YAI), Monica Carney (LRI), Karen Davies-Buckley (CC), Shelley Lafurney (OH), Lance Stenfeldt (Clear Path), Eric Boozer (Veterans), Maryann Deery (LRI), Ileana Gutierrez (Clear Path)

- 1) Called to order by Vice Chairman, Brian Coleman
- 2) Roll call of members, Welcome Diane Oldenburg
- 3) Approval of agenda. Motion by Amy Durkin, seconded by Julie Landy. All in favor.
- 4) **APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. Approval of February 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion by Teresa Woolson, seconded by Samantha Cleveland. All in favor.
 - B. Board Member Resignation: Kevin Velzy. Motion by Patrick Waite, seconded by Amy Durkin. All in favor.
 - C. Review of Community Services Board Application of Tory DeCaire. Motion by Samantha Cleveland, seconded by Diane Oldenburg. All in favor.
 - D. Approval of the 2022 Annual Report of Activities & Services. Motion by Amy Durkin, seconded by Patrick Waite. All in favor.
- 5) **REPORTS (re-certifications, site visits, performance monitoring, etc.)**
 - A. *Oswego County Opportunities, Inc. Developmental Disabilities Program Recertification – Michelle Canfield, Director of Developmental Disability Services* – Item removed from agenda at time of agenda approval.
- 6) **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. *Status of Integrated Subcommittee (ISM) Restructuring* – The scaling back of the number of people participating has been done. All current members have been appointed. Everyone is meeting as one group virtually. Focus is on LSP (local service plan) and goals. The Director's Report shows who has been appointed to each subcommittee. Currently have held 2 full meetings and small group discussions. There will be a follow up meeting this coming Monday, May 22nd. Still working on the scheduling piece of the new structure. If you are not on a subcommittee roster and you have information you would like to share, please contact someone within that group or Cathy Li Voti-Rice who can share the information with them.

7) **NEW BUSINESS (program updates, announcements, state initiatives, etc.)**

- A. Dwyer Peer to Peer Veteran Program – Lance Stenfeldt, Clear Path for Veterans** – As of January there is a contract between Clear Path for Veterans and Oswego County to provide the Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Veteran Services in Oswego County. Clear Path’s main campus is in Chittenango. This is a non-for-profit organization with multiple programs for veterans. The Service dog program has moved away from the owner being the trainer to the ADI (Assistance Dogs International) Program with the agency having their own internal breeders. Training involves 12-18 months. Another program offered is the Peer and Family Support programming that hosts many events along with doing community outreach events. Ileana Gutierrez is the new peer that will be focusing on Oswego County. The Wellness program is newer and is available to anyone in military family. For more information on Clear Path for Veterans please visit their website at www.clearpath4vets.com.
- B. Catholic Charities Get Set Program – Karen Davies-Buckley, Program Director** – Kim Anglestein – New program designed to focus on improving family relationships. Currently have 1 family support coach. Have received 8 referrals in April and have enrolled 3. Referrals can come from anywhere and it does not matter if the family has Medicaid or is non-Medicaid. No time limit of how long the family can be served. Services can be in the community or home. Referral forms will be distributed soon, or you can contact the program directly by phone. A few of the objectives are school readiness, managing family stress, understanding developmental milestones, discipline, skill building, positive parenting strategies, preventing violence, and bonding. Any questions or to refer someone please contact Kim Anglestein at 315-506-9046 or by email at kanglestein@ccoswego.com.
- C. Oswego Industries, Inc. Update on Family Support Services - Lee Sullivan, Director of Services-** Lee Sullivan was unavailable to attend today’s meeting. Cathy Li Voti-Rice, Community Services Program Coordinator provided the update that was shared at a previous meeting. Oswego Industries, Inc. has decided not to renew the Family Support Services Contract with OPWDD. The current Family Support Services contract will end effective June 30, 2023.
- D. 2023 Directory of Oswego County Community Mental Hygiene Services– Cathy Li Voti-Rice, Community Services Program Coordinator, Division of Mental Hygiene www.oswegocounty.com/mentalhygiene (under Resources)** – The directory is updated yearly and is available on the county website www.oswegocounty.com/mentalhygiene or if you want copies to distribute, the Division of Mental Hygiene can print booklets for you. If you notice anything is missing from the directory or have changes, please contact Cathy Li Voti-Rice at 315-963-5072.
- E. After Hours Transportation Needs Survey – Cathy Li Voti-Rice, Community Services Program Coordinator, Division of Mental Hygiene** – Have not received as many surveys back as we would like, we are asking if agencies can continue to push them out. The deadline for submissions is June 2nd.
- F. Nicole Kolmsee, Director of Community Services, Division of Mental Hygiene Directors Report** – See attached.

8) **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mental Hygiene Networking Meeting – Via Webex, Wednesday, June 21, 2023.
- The Curb-to-Curb Transportation Program is experiencing communication issues with seniors. They are finding that some able-bodied individuals are calling for rides to get from their residence to a nearby bus stop. They have been denying those requests. The program is for people who do not have access to bus routes. All the drivers are volunteers.

- The Oswego County Legislators have been going through the applications for disbursement of the ARPA Funds. The application process has closed.
- VOW Oswego Recovery Center has opened and is starting to staff with peers. This is the beginning stages of the center. Currently are open several days a week, daytime only. The VOW community calendar has the dates and times it is open <https://www.vow-foundation.org/events>.

9) **ADJOURNMENT**: Motion by Amy Durkin, seconded by Samantha Cleveland. All in favor.

10) **NEXT MEETINGS**: Integrated Subcommittee Meeting: August 3, 2023.