

**Joint Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Subcommittee
January 5, 2024**

Present: Silke Thornquist, Shawn Sabella, Kristen Hardy, Jeremy Duers, Amanda West, Andrea Deepe, Linda Michaud, Katherine Chambers, Keane Jones, John Taflan, Brenda Hansson, Kelly Delaney, Deb Marque, Susana Lehan, Jason Enser, Rebecca Evansky, Darlene Hafner, Jamie Munyon, Jason McLaughlin, Jackie Foster, Dan Durkee

Staff: Robert York, Crystal Mallory, Carrie Wright, Linda Wright

Agenda Item		Action
Introductions	Introductions were made and the meeting began at 10:00am.	N/A
Presentations: Jackie Foster – Director of Outpatient Services, Peter Young Housing, Industries, and Treatment	J. Foster provided an overview presentation of the PYHIT organization and of Baywood Center’s programming. They are able to offer increased outreach services, some of which is supported with Warren County Opioid Settlement funds.	
Kelly D. Lane, MSW – Director of Regional Projects, Capital Behavioral Health Network IPA	Kelly Lane provided a presentation on the Capital Behavioral Health Network IPA. The CBHN IPA consists of 30 mental health and SUD provider organizations across 11 counties, including Warren and Washington Counties. A copy of her presentation slides will be distributed with the meeting minutes.	
Informational Items The Hope of Recovery documentary viewing and panel discussion – January 11, 1-3p, Crandall Library	R. York reviewed a flyer promoting a showing of a documentary entitled, “The Hope of Recovery”, scheduled for January 11, 1-3p at Crandall Library. The flyer will be distributed with the meeting minutes.	
Human Trafficking Awareness Day event – January 11, 12-3p, 27 Woodlawn Ave., Saratoga Springs—sponsored by the Salvation Army	R. York noted that January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. There are two events scheduled in our area. On January 11, 12-3p there will be an awareness day event, sponsored by the Salvation Army at 27 Woodlawn Ave., Saratoga Springs.	
Community Briefing on Human Trafficking – January 18, 10a-noon, Park Theater, 14 Park St., GF	Also, on January 18, 10a-noon, there will be a human trafficking panel discussion at the Park Theater, 14 Park St., Glens Falls. Copies of the flyers will be distributed with the meeting minutes.	
ARPA Behavioral Health Project updates: MHFA instructor candidates needed	R. York provided a brief update on the Warren County Behavioral Health ARPA projects. Most projects are being implemented. The Glens Falls Hospital project is awaiting final approval by OMH and DOH. The Mental Health and Homelessness project is being resubmitted for further revision. The County project to bring Mental Health First Aid training to the county is now getting underway. R. York requested agencies to notify him if they have candidates interested in receiving the MHFA Train-the-Trainer course.	

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Opioid Settlement Funds – County RFPs to be issued	R. York reviewed the “LGU Abatement” Opioid Settlement funds that each County will be receiving in 2024. There will be an RFP, or some similar solicitation of projects/proposals issued early this year. Notification of this process will be distributed broadly.	
Agency updates	Agencies were provided the opportunity to share updates on their programming and activities. It was noted that staffing shortages seem to be improving somewhat for most levels of staffing, however, direct care staff seem to still be difficult to find and retain.	
Adjournment and Next Meeting	<i>The meeting adjourned at 11:30a. The next meeting of the Mental Health / Addiction Recovery Subcommittees of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2024 10a-12noon. (The spring meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for June 7, 2024 10a-12noon).</i>	N/A

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Mallory, Secretary to the Boards