

Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties
Warren County Community Services Board
Washington County Community Services Board
April 11, 2024

Warren County

Present: Kim Brayton-Chair, Holly Irion-Vice Chair, Cindy Wasson, Belinda Bradley, Susan McManus, Deidre Grieve, Greg Canale, Nina Matrianni

Washington County

Present: Tammy DeLorme-Vice Chair, Heather Adams-Wendell-Chair, Jen Hogan, Mary Alice Murphy, Sue Mowrey, Adele Potter, Tina McDougall, Linda Michaud, Lt. Kristen Hardy

Staff: Rob York, Carrie Wright, Tracy Terry, Crystal Mallory

Guests: Dillon Swertner, Sydney Benton, Karen Ashline, Morgan Schumacher, Jason Enser

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
Regular Meeting – Call to Order	A quorum was confirmed for both Warren and Washington County and the April 11, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards was convened.	Heather Adams-Wendell and Holly Irion co-chaired the meeting.
Meeting Minutes	<p>Minutes of the March 14, 2024 joint Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for Warren County CSB approval.</p> <p>Minutes of the March 14, 2024 joint Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval.</p>	<p>Warren County Motion: S. McManus Second: C. Wasson Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p> <p>Washington County Motion: T. McDougall Second: J. Hogan Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p>
<p>Presentations: Morgan Schumacher, Director, Youth ACT - Queensbury Parsons Child and Family Center/Northern Rivers Youth Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Services</p> <p>Karen Ashline, CEO, Adirondack Health Institute NY 1115 Waiver Amendment North Country Social Care Network (SCN) application</p>	<p>M. Schumaker, Director of the Parsons Youth ACT team, provided an overview of the program. The team is shared between Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties. Youth ACT is a multidisciplinary team that provides community-based, high intensity individualized services and skilled interventions. The team provides comprehensive care, including medication management. They serve youth ages 10-21. She shared handouts with program information, which will be distributed with the minutes. R. York thanked her for her presentation and work in the community.</p> <p>Karen Ashline, CEO, Adirondack Health Institute (AHI), provided an overview of the NY 1115 Medicaid Waiver Amendment (Health Equity Reform). One component of the CMS-approved waiver is the development of regional Social Care Networks (SOCs). AHI is applying to be the lead agency for the North Country SOC. The SOC will be comprised of a network of local not-for-profit agencies</p>	

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	<p>focusing on housing, food, and transportation. County Departments of Health, Mental Health and Social Services are envisioned to have representation on a formal advisory board to be developed. The intent is to screen Medicaid members and identify unmet needs, including social determinant of health needs. AHI will develop contracts with a network of providers (including food pantries, etc.) that will provide services and be able to bill for service provision through AHI. The funding will flow to Medicaid Managed Care companies, who will pay claims prepared and submitted by AHI. She expects to hear if their application is approved sometime in June.</p>	
<p>New Business: Warren County ARPA Behavioral Health – Mental Health & Homelessness WAIT House, ASCEND Mental Wellness and The Open Door Mission</p>	<p>WAIT House, ASCEND Mental Wellness and The Open Door Mission have collaborated on an Empowering Our Communities ARPA Project, focused on addressing homelessness and mental illness. WAIT House will serve as the lead agency. The proposal has been reviewed by the CSB ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee, and recommended for approval by the CSB for funding of \$111,286. R. York asked for a vote on the proposal. Following some discussion, the project was approved. R. York will ask Jason McLaughlin to contact N. Mastrianni regarding some particulars related to the use of motels/hotels in Warren County.</p>	<p>Warren County Motion: C. Wasson Second: S. McManus Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote</p>
<p>Informational items/updates: Washington County Systems of Care grant</p> <p>2025 Local Services Plan</p> <p>2025 CSB Budget Review process</p> <p>ARPA Behavioral Health projects</p>	<p>R. York stated WAIT House applied for and received a grant to continue the the Washington County Systems of Care. The grant will fund a Coordinator and additionally, a series of focus groups. More to come as it further develops.</p> <p>The local services planning process has moved to multi-year plans, so will only require minor updates to the 2024 Local Services Plan for 2025. No guidance has been issued from the state agencies yet.</p> <p>H. Carlson will be sending out emails and call letters for the 2025 Budget Review Committee meetings which will be held in June or July.</p> <p>No additional ARPA Behavioral Health project updates at this time.</p>	

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Opioid Settlement funds	R. York is working with the Counties to arrange a more simplified format to request the funds other than the full RFP process.	
Additional items	S. McManus shared a Save the Date Flyer for the Chalk the Walk Event May 29 th 11am at City Park in Glens Falls and BrainStorm Event October 18 th 10am at Salvation Army in Glens Falls.	
Adjournment and next meeting.	The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm. The May 9th meeting of the Community Services Boards is cancelled. The next meeting of the Community Services Boards will be held on June 13, 2024 , location TBD.	L. Michaud motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Mallory, Secretary to the Boards.