

**Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties**  
**Warren County Community Services Board**  
**Washington County Community Services Board**  
**May 8, 2025**

**Warren County**

**Present:** Holly Irion-Vice Chair, Belinda Bradley, Sue McManus, Cindy Wasson

**Excused:** Kim Brayton-Chair, Greg Canale, Nina Mastrianni

**Washington County**

**Present:** Heather Adams-Wendell-Chair, Jen Hogan, Linda Michaud, Rebecca Evansky

**Excused:** Tammy DeLorme, Sue Mowrey, Lt. Kristen Hardy, Tina McDougall, Adele Potter

**Staff:** Rob York, Harry Carlson, Crystal Mallory, Linda Wright

**Guests:** Sydney Benton: Jason McLaughlin; Adrienne Slayko; Morgan Largo; Rachelle Tessier; John Rugge, MD; Michael Homenick, PhD, Bud Maddocks, MD; Joanne Swanson

| Agenda Item                                                              | Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Action                                                       |
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| <b>Regular Meeting – Call to Order</b>                                   | A quorum was not confirmed for either Warren or Washington County and the May 8, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards was convened.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | H. Adams-Wendell-Chair conducted the meeting.                |
| <b>Welcome new Washington County CSB member:</b>                         | R. York provided the resolution appointing Rebecca Evansky, LMSW (Fort Edward), Executive Director, Wellness Collaborative of New York to the Board, welcomed her.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                              |
| <b>Meeting Minutes</b>                                                   | Minutes of the March 13, 2024 joint Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were deferred (Warren County only).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Warren Co Motion: Deferred                                   |
|                                                                          | Minutes of the April 10, 2024 joint Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were deferred.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Warren Co Motion: Deferred<br>Washington Co Motion: Deferred |
| <b>Program Presentations: Healthcare Coalition for the North Country</b> | Rachelle Tessier, John Rugge, Michael Homenick, Bud Maddocks, and Joanne Swanson provided a packet (attached) and discussed their work with the Healthcare Coalition for the North Country. The Coalition is a non-partisan group raising awareness about the importance of Medicaid-funded healthcare services in the North Country Region. Approximately 1/3 of the population in our region has Medicaid for their health insurance. Healthcare providers, including primary care practices, hospitals, behavioral health providers, etc., also employ a large number of individuals in the region. There are concerns about the significant cuts being discussed on the federal level to Medicaid. Not only would reductions impact individuals and their access to healthcare, they would impact the healthcare industry, resulting in an impact to local economies. More information can be found at their website: <a href="http://northcountrymedicaid.org">northcountrymedicaid.org</a> . |                                                              |

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| <b>Parsons Child and Family Center/Northern Rivers Family of Services</b> | Morgan Largo and Adrienne Slayko provided overview presentations (see attached handouts and PowerPoint) of the Youth ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) and Adult and Youth Mobile Crisis Services provided by Parsons/Northern Rivers.                                                                                                                                                                                  |        |
| <b>Informational items:<br/>Opioid Settlement Funds</b>                   | Opioid Settlement Fund proposals were due May 2nd. Nineteen proposals were received across the two counties. The amount of funding requested is approximately twice as much as is available. The CSB Ad Hoc Committee members will be meeting in May and June to review and make recommendations for funding awards.                                                                                                      | N/A    |
| <b>Mental Health Awareness Month</b>                                      | May is Mental Health Awareness Month. ASCEND Mental Wellness held their annual Community Awards event on May 1 <sup>st</sup> with a ribbon ceremony in City Park and a downtown awareness walk on May 2 <sup>nd</sup> . The Hike for Hope - Cody's Climb will be held on May 18 <sup>th</sup> at Double H Ranch. The Brainstorm Chalk the Walk event is planned for May 28 <sup>th</sup> 10a-1p in Glens Falls City Park. |        |
| <b>Federal actions and local impacts</b>                                  | R. York reached out to contract agency CEOs/Executive Directors for input/ discussion around any real or anticipated local impacts of Federal funding reductions. They are all monitoring the situation and R. York will continue to keep the boards informed.                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| <b>2025-26 NYS Budget updates</b>                                         | R. York said the legislature and the Governor are in the middle of negotiations on policy issues contained within the proposed budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |
| <b>CSB Budget Review Committee</b>                                        | R. York will be sending out a doodle poll for dates in June and July.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |
| <b>2024-27 Local Services Plan</b>                                        | The Local Services Plan is a 4-year plan, with our annual updates due in June; T. Barber is compiling the LSP updates and will provide a presentation at the June CSB meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| <b>Court-Based Mental Health Navigator RFPs</b>                           | Funding has been awarded to both Warren and Washington Counties by NYS OMH for Court-based Mental Health Navigators. Awards were for a Case Manager position in Warren County and a Peer position in Washington County. Each County will issue RFPs.                                                                                                                                                                      |        |

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| <b>Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training/TA</b>    | The Office of Community Services facilitated an application on behalf of Warren and Washington Counties for a Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training and technical assistance initiative. We were approved and four LE agencies are participating: Warren County Sheriff's Office; Glens Falls Police Department; Washington County Sheriff's Office; and Hudson Falls Police Department. There is a built-in train-the-trainer, for future sustainability/training capacity. There is financial reimbursement for road patrol officers to take the week-long CIT training course. We recently participated in a two-day kick off meeting in Clifton Park and are forming a Steering Committee to oversee planning and implementation of the initiative. The Steering Committee includes representation from each of the law enforcement agencies involved, the Office of Community Services, and peers—through People USA. |        |
| <b>Mental Health First Aid for Higher Education award – SUNY ADK</b> | The Office of Community Services applied for a pilot project through the NYS Conference of Mental Hygiene Directors (CLMHD) for Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for Higher Education to be implemented on the SUNY ADK campuses—including Queensbury and Wilton. We were successful in getting an award, and are working with CLMHD and SUNY ADK on implementation. The project also includes harm reduction activities and training, in addition to the MHFA curriculum.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |
| <b>NYS OMH Hospital and Community Connections Initiative</b>         | The NYS Office of Mental Health is facilitating regional meetings to discuss supporting individuals in our community in their transitions in and out of inpatient hospital settings. There is a focus on strengthening relationships, communication, coordination, etc., between inpatient and outpatient providers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |
| <b>Washington County Mental Health Court</b>                         | Judge Hobbs is developing a Mental Health Court in Washington County. He is setting up planning groups and meetings for development of this specialty court. More information to come as this develops. J. Duers is working with Judge Smith in Warren County for a Veterans' Court.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |

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| <b>Warren County Jail – provider coordination meetings</b> | T. Barber is working closely with Darby Larkin, Re-Entry Specialist for the Warren County Sheriff's Office, to coordinate and facilitate the meetings in the Warren County Correctional Facility. |                                             |
| <b>Additional items/updates: Hope and Healing Center</b>   | Open house being held at 37 Chester St on June 13 <sup>th</sup> . More info to come.                                                                                                              |                                             |
| <b>Adjournment and next meeting.</b>                       | The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm. The next meeting of the Community Services Boards will be held on <b><u>June 12, 2025, 3pm at 230 Maple St, Glens Falls.</u></b>                             | L. Michaud motioned to adjourn the meeting. |

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