



County of Onondaga  
Department of Children & Family Services

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Community Service Board  
Meeting Summary for March 13, 2023  
OneGroup (706 N Clinton St. Syracuse NY 13204)

Participants: Jim Yonai, Monika Taylor, Tania Anderson  
Staff: Novelette Pierce, Amy Cunningham, Karla Silva-Gardner

Review December 12, 2022: Meeting Summary tentatively approved. Beth Hurney is to be removed as a voting member of the Community Services Board in order to diversify board members agencies.

Updates:

- Subcommittee Invigoration:

It would be ideal to have a schedule of subcommittee meetings posted online. Community calendars are necessary for meetings. Also, meeting notes for other meetings should be publicly accessible if they are to fall under defacto subcommittees (i.e. Onondaga County Drug Task Force). We would like to focus primarily on membership. Ideally, meeting dates will be suggested first, then providers will be sent an invitation. Quarterly meetings were previously held by Matt Rosa. The Onondaga County Drug Task Force meets quarterly with the next meeting being in person on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at OCM Boces in Liverpool, NY. In regards to a developmental disability subcommittee, OPWDD (Office for People with Developmental Disabilities) has a monthly meeting that they set the agenda for. The DDDRO puts the meeting together for our region so the agenda tends to lean into being more bureaucratic as opposed to information sharing.

- Mental Health Expansion in Schools:

All schools in Onondaga County were invited to a threat assessment model. There was some interest in the Salem-Kaiser threatassessment model & there is ongoing discussion about implementation. Threats assessed included threats of violence within the student body. This model helps to find red flags and wrap the young person in services before things escalate. Implicit bias was discussed during the threat assessment and seems to be culturally sensitive & insensitive for all parties (teachers, students, etc.).

There have been 32 additional clinics added to county schools in the 2021-2022 school year and there were 13 additional clinics added to county schools in the 2022-2023 school year. Close to 90 of the 117 schools in Onondaga County have clinics onsite for student access. Syracuse City School District is interested in acquiring additional ACCESS liaisons that they will fund. Elmcrest will also be opening a youth respite site. The tentative opening date is yet to be determined. This site will also be open to other nearby counties.

- Opioid Settlement Funding:

Onondaga County will be receiving funds from opioid settlement funding (\$3.5 million to be distributed in the first year with 1.7 million ongoing). Syracuse City will receive \$1 million to start with \$500,000

ongoing. There will be some collaboration between the city and the county in order to use these funds most effectively.

Adjourn – Next Meeting: June 12, 2023

OCM Boces (110 Elwood Davis Rd, Liverpool, NY 13088)