

**Greene County Community Services Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday May 20, 2008**  
**4:00 – Greene County Mental Health Center**

**PERSON CONDUCTING MEETING:** Peter Konrad

**RECORDER:** Jill Sirago

**MEMBERS Present:** Diane Braden, Deborah Johnson, Sharon Mahota, Susan Owens, Cathy Start, Christine Young

**Excused:** Mary Daggett, Colleen Glass, Laurie Kelley, Terry McGee Ward, Patricia McLoughlin, Betty Mucich, Florence Ohle

**Staff:** Jeff Rovitz, Peter Konrad, Jill Sirago

**Guests:** Anne Curtin

**ABSENT:**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ITEM
Board Introduction	Pastor Anne Curtin was introduced to the Board. She is on the OASAS sub-committee. At one time she was a lawyer and now is running a program called Healing a Woman's Soul out of the Episcopal Church in Coxsackie. She works with women who have dealt with domestic violence.	Board members introduced themselves.
MH Sub	Topics of discussion included the price of gas and it's effect on our clients; the 2 ½ year NYS recertification of the Rip Van Winkle Center; The 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mental Health Association - 5/29 3:30 – 5:00 Open House at MHA. See MH Sub-Committee Meeting minutes for further details.	
OMRDD Sub	Lifespire is coming to Greene County. Peter has offered them space to run a program for kids with autism. Meetings with the parents have to be set up. Jeff Rovitz mentioned that there was a large group of parents of kids with autism who recently met with Kristin Gillibrand. Ulster Greene ARC is going to actively pursue an after-school program at the schools. This could trigger a lot of competition from other agencies. Lifespire is thinking about giving us a coordinator that could be housed at GCMHC. See OMRDD Sub-Committee Meeting minutes for further details.	
OASAS Sub	OASAS plan has been developed. Priorities include a Dual Recovery Coordinator. See OASAS Sub-Committee Meeting minutes for further details.	Board will send a letter to OASAS requesting a dual recovery coordinator. Invite Karen Carpenter Palombo to the next meeting.
Peter	Discussion was held around trying to obtain a dual recovery coordinator for Greene County. Twin Counties now has hired a Nurse Practitioner to prescribe. GCMHC staff will be trained to dealing with substance abuse problems.  Geriatric Project: Peter and Sue Rosenberg presented to the Geriatric Council and the Rural Health Network. We now have 2 official satellites in PCP offices (Pope and Samedov). Diane Braden has been very helpful in Dr. Pope's office. There are many people being reached who don't make it to the mental health system.	

	<p>The Children's team is working very hard at getting more family involvement and more information from schools &amp; PCP's to the Nurse Practitioners. Letters have gone out to hospitals to let them know what information we require before an appointment is made. There is no wait list for adults or kids, and no wait list for a psychiatric appointment.</p> <p>The Clinic is going well, but other supporting programs still lack compared to similar sized counties like Columbia. Case Management, Respite, Housing....</p> <p>Dan Frank has been wonderful in helping us with our building renovations.</p>	
Jeff	<p>PROS – Personalized Recovery Oriented Services: A myriad of services under one roof. Only 6 or 7 other PROS models running in the state. Rates have been enhanced. Can OMH provide monies to support the program during the startup phase? GCMHC and MHA will be meeting with the next level of OMH administration.</p>	
Cathy Start	<p>Linda Scott, from the Clavarack School , part of the BOCES system for developmentally delayed &amp; emotionally disturbed kids, has asked Cathy to provide reproductive health presentations. She will be going back again to do more presentations.</p>	
Susan Owens	<p>NAMI's Family to Family program is going very well. Betty Mucich and her daughter are now trained and are in their 7<sup>th</sup> week. There are 16 participants. NAMI requesting a downstairs office at GCMHC, but it doesn't look like it's possible at this time.</p>	
	<p>Minutes respectfully submitted by Jill Sirago</p>	

**Next CSB Meeting is on June 17th, 4:00, at GCMHC**