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MEETING MINUTES

Voting Members Present:	Scott Mathys, Andrea Moroughan, Douglas Ort, Thomas Yousey	Date: February 14, 2017
		Location: Suite D, The Lowville Commons
Others Present:	Jennifer Barlow, Patricia Fralick, Arlene Hall, Temperance Lyndaker, James Scordo, Liz Swearingin	Presiding: Douglas Ort
		Secretary: Temperance Lyndaker
Voting Members Absent:	Gale Grunert, Jane O'Connor, Shirley Tuttle-Malone, Steven Vance, John Waterhouse	

TOPIC DISCUSSED	SUMMARY OF TOPIC DISCUSSED	DECISION/ACTION TO BE TAKEN	DEADLINE/ PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:37 AM by Douglas Ort. A quorum was not present.		
Privilege of the Floor	Scott Mathys reported that he recently attended the Lewis County Student Homeless Discussion. According to a document that was provided by NYS-TEACHS there were 81 homeless students in Lewis		

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	<p>County in the 2015 / 2016 school year, with 17 of those being in kindergarten or first grade. Scott stated that those individuals at the meeting recognized the already existing services for homeless families, and placed more of an emphasis on the need for more / better mental health and addiction services in the county as the homelessness was seen as a byproduct of these issues. Pat Fralick already has a meeting scheduled with the superintendents in March and will add this to her agenda.</p>		
Approval of Minutes from January 10, 2017	There was not a quorum.		
Action Items	There was not a quorum.		
Director of Community Services (DCS) Report	<p>Pat Fralick reviewed her report which had previously been emailed to the CSB (Community Services Board) members.</p> <p>TLS (Transitional Living Services) will be assisting Lewis County Community Services with SPOA (Single Point of Access) and SPOE (Single Point of Entry). Melissa Beagle has recently been hired as a case manager, and she will be the staff member assisting with these programs. Melissa oversaw the SPOA and SPOE programs in Jefferson Country for several years. Pat has met with Melissa and she will be present at the next meetings. The SPOA and SPOE programs will still be conflict-free as referrals will continue to come through the Community Services' office.</p>		

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	<p>At Friday's DD (Developmental Disabilities) Committee meeting, Karen Boliver shared a letter that was received by individuals working within the Employee Solutions Program which stated that transportation to and from work would no longer be provided. Pat stated that Community Services had not been made aware of this change, which could affect funding as the contract that the County has with The Arc states that transportation will be provided. Karen has followed up with County Manager Liz Swearingin and will be meeting with Frank Pace, the Director of Planning for Lewis County Department of Planning and Community Development, and Melissa from Birnie Bus Service, Inc. Pat will forward a copy of the contract with The Arc to Liz and Frank.</p> <p>Pat stated that, in meeting with other directors, the theme across the state has been focused on funding; i.e., reducing costs by keeping the consumer in the community and out of institutions, hospitals, etc. The State is stepping back from running the services and plans to reinvest the money with the counties.</p> <p>OPWDD (Office for People with Developmental Disabilities) continues to transition to Medicaid managed care. Timelines have been established for 2017 / 2018. They continue to work on ways of attracting and maintaining direct care staff. The budget has been increased by 3.3%.</p>		
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	<p>OMH (Office of Mental Health) plans to reduce state-operated supported housing by 140 beds, but will use that same money to create 280 beds. HARP (Health and Recovery Plan) is not living up to expectations. The program is intended to get high needs individuals involved with enhanced services in order to keep them out of ERs (emergency rooms) and hospitals. 70% of those who are eligible are not involved with Health Home (a prerequisite), the assessment tool is complicated, and there are barriers to getting people connected with the services. OMH is also trying to standardize the services provided by the Mobile Integration Teams (MITs).</p> <p>OASAS (Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services) is focused on the opioid crisis and is putting more money towards peer services, family navigators, and 24/7 crisis intervention. There will be no COLA (cost of living adjustment) this year.</p>		
<p>Alcohol and Substance Abuse (ASA) Committee</p>	<p>In November Pat Fralick held a Providers Summit for leaders from various service, community, and county agencies to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats within Lewis County. She did some focus group work along these same lines at the last committee meetings. The plan is to identify themes and develop short and long-term goals for the county. Discussion was also held regarding the committees' roles, which were seen as communicating to the community as well as the Board of Legislators (BOL) what services are</p>		

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	available and identifying gaps in continuing care. The next steps include identifying more community stakeholders and working collaboratively to make the most of what resources are already available.		
Mental Health (MH) Committee	See ASA Committee.		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Committee	See ASA Committee.		
Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (BHWC) OMH Review	No one from TLS / BHWC was present to report.		
Other CSB Business	Pat Fralick stated that the Lewis County CARES (Community Action Resources & Educational Support) Forum that was held on Saturday was well attended. A panel of speakers gave an overview of what the county is experiencing. Local agencies were well represented.		
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 AM.		
Next Meeting	Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:30 AM in Suite D of the Lowville Commons.		