

# Jefferson County Community Services

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## Community Services Board Meeting Minutes For February 28, 2024

Call to Order: Tina O'Neil called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Members Present: Maureen Cean, Jennifer Draper, Pat Fontana, Joey Horton, Stephen Kowalick, Jennifer Lachenauer, Karen Marcum, Aileen Martin, Tina O'Neil, John Peck and Molly Smith.

Member Absent: Kevin Vogt.

Guests Present: Karen Hoffman, Jordan Jones, Tara Lortz, Michelle McElroy, Michelle Monnat, Brooke Roes, Alicia Ruperd and John Wilson.

Privilege of the Floor: No one wanted to speak.

Approval of the January 24, 2024, minutes: Motion: Aileen Martin. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jennifer Lacheanuer. Minutes approved.

Director's Report: See attached.

**2022 Budget Modification:** Pivot (Recovery Center) – motion waived through Alcohol and Substance Abuse subcommittee; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joey Horton. Abstentions: Jennifer Lachenauer and Tina O'Neil. Budget modification approved.

**2023 Budget Modification:** Pivot (Prevention Outpatient) – motion waived through Alcohol and Substance Abuse subcommittee; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jennifer Draper. Abstentions: Jennifer Lachenauer and Tina O'Neil. Budget modification approved.

### Executive Session:

Motion to go into executive session: Tina O'Neil. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Maureen Cean. **Motion approved.**

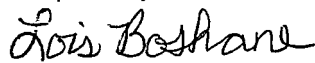
Motion to exit executive session: John Peck. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Aileen Martin. **Motion approved.**

**Out of Executive Session:** Motion to approve Sarah Delaney Rowland, M.D. (CSB) and Randy Fipp's (MH) nomination for membership: Motion: Aileen Martin. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jennifer Lachenauer. **Motion approved.**

Next meeting date: March 27, 2024, at 4 p.m.

Adjournment at 5 p.m. Motion: John Peck. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Aileen Martin.

Respectfully submitted,



Lois Boshane  
Secretary

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## **Director's Report February 28, 2024**

### **Community Services Office:**

Down one staff member on the EI side.

### **County/State/ Federal Initiatives:**

Crisis- Working with Pat Fralick and FDRHPO to work out details on RFP development for a two-county system. We have had a steering committee meeting, and more are planned. Working through contract logistics between counties

- We are in receipt of approx. \$560K in Regional Abatement Funding designated for 2024. I would like to recommend a workgroup be established to provide recommendations on use of the funds. Discussed ASA Subcom.
- \$180K Federal salary sharing (has been distributed to clinics in the past using various methods to calculate.
- I met with Jillian from DSS and emergency management regarding the emergency shelter trailer. Also have some meetings scheduled for the Pallet Shelter project.

**Local Services Plan:** I will distribute LSP info as soon as it is released.

### **Local/Community Concerns/Issues:**

- I have a meeting with Pete Barnett and Chip D regarding CIT/crisis and the L.E. commitment to each.

### **Suicide Prevention Coalition:**

- The Tabling Subcommittee is working on putting together a schedule of events.
- The resource page created by BOCES is up and running. A QR code has been created for easy access. I have cards available.
- The Coalition has agreed to assist FDRHPO with the MHAT grant in offering QPR and MHFA training as necessary.
- The Coalition has agreed to provide QPR training to CHJC on a monthly basis to staff.

### **AOT/ETA:**

- AOTs:
  - 18 Active AOTs
  - 2 open investigation
  - 2 did successfully step down to ETA, 1 more planned for 2024
  - 14 successful discharges since 2017
- ETAs:

- 6 active
- 6 successful discharges since 2018
- Significant Events:
  - Completed this month as a result of noncompliance/decompensation - 2
  - Admissions for AOT/ETA clients as a result of noncompliance/decompensation - 2
  - Violation of Probation or Parole - 0

**DA/PD/JCCS MH Collaboration:**

- 29 individuals have been identified to date (in reality, many more)
- Unique case discussions

**MAP/CIT training/implementation:**

- MHFA Training through the CIT initiative was done on Wednesday, February 21st there were 8 attendees in total from JC Probation (2), Watertown PD (2), JC Sheriff's Dept (4)