



Office of Addiction  
Services and Supports

Office of  
Mental Health

Office for People With  
Developmental Disabilities

## 2023 Goals and Plans Form

### Seneca County Community Services Board

**Goal 1:** Increase access to psychiatric services

**Goal 2:** Increase access to crisis services for persons with Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

**Goal 3:** Decrease rates of suicide and opioid overdose in Seneca County

#### **Annual and intermediate plans for addiction services:**

We intend to utilize a portion of our Opioid Settlement Funds to support a Community Education Campaign whose goals are to reduce opioid overdose and increase information regarding community resources that support social determinants of health. We also intend to increase access to Narcan and Peer Supports. We plan to continue to partner with FLACRA for delivery of recovery support services out of our Drop In Center. We will continue to provide training opportunities for our addictions program staff on treatment of co-occurring disorders. We will continue to build our Crisis Response Program with the goal of eventually including response to addiction crisis. We intend to expand our Prevention Services in one of our school districts who have requested additional prevention staff in their buildings. We hope to provide more access to evidence based programming in the schools and expand our prevention interventions into the community. We will continue to partner with our Public Health Department on our Opioid Overdose Prevention Program. We will continue to partner with The Council on Alcohol and Addictions to provide Triple P to families out of our Drop In Center. We will continue to utilize our SAPT funding to support recruitment and retention efforts in our clinic and prevention programs. We will continue to focus on the mental wellness of our staff. We will continue to work with our County Planning Department on their current housing plan to advocate for quality affordable housing for individuals

#### **Annual and intermediate plans for developmental disability services:**

We will continue to work with our local provider to assess the impact of the impending Managed Care transition. We will continue to work with our local provider on assessing access to services and impact of community integration on those with developmental disabilities in our community. We will work with Mozaic and with Seneca County Law Enforcement agencies to monitor service utilization, community incidents, quality outcomes and wait lists for services. We will continue to work with OPWDD towards greater data transparency. It is essential that we be able to have accurate data on the number of individuals attempting to access services through the OPWDD Front Door Process. We will work with OPWDD to gain access to data in regards to time frames to gain access to services, housing wait lists and managed care transition outcomes. We

will work with Mozaic and advocate for increased access to treatment beds for Seneca County residents in need of that level of care. Finally, we will work area providers of health services, including mental health services, to increase training opportunities with the goal of increasing adequacy in work with individuals with DD and their families.

**Annual and intermediate plans for mental health services:**

We will continue to utilize all resources available to us to incentives employment with Seneca County mental health services providers. In particular, we are experiencing a critical psychiatry shortage in our region. We will explore telepsychiatry, locum tenens and other potential sources of service. We will explore opportunities to partner with our local educational institutions to provide fellowship experience for psychiatry residents and psychiatric nurse practitioner students. We will expand partnerships with our local primary care practitioners for provision of medication supports when appropriate. Additionally, we plan to expand upon Psychiatric Consultation services in order to support our PCP community in our efforts to expand access to psychiatric medications. We will continue to build our Crisis Response Program in order to realize our goal of 24/7 coverage. We will work with our Public Health Department on our Zero Suicide efforts and specifically, universal screening for suicide in all healthcare settings. We will continue to focus on the mental wellness of County Clinic staff in order to avoid burnout and to support employee retention. We will continue to provide training opportunities in our community in order to increase clinician skill sets in treatment of co-occurring disorders. We will continue to provide coordination of services to high risk children through our SPOA process including ongoing coordination with care management agencies.

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## 2023 Needs Assessment Form

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#### **Adverse Childhood Experiences** Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? No

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): The majority of those served by Mental Health and SUD systems have significant trauma histories. We lack early detection and prevention resources in our county.

#### **Housing** Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): The County has very few quality affordable housing opportunities for individuals with Mental Health, SUD or DD. There are long wait lists for OPWDD certified housing. There is increased homelessness in our community with few opportunities for adequate housing.

#### **Inpatient Treatment** Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? No

Need Applies to: Youth Only

Need description (Optional): Children wait sometimes a week or more in emergency rooms for access to inpatient beds.

#### **Non-Clinical Supports** Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? No

Need Applies to: Adults Only

Need description (Optional): We need more opportunities for Case Management as opposed to Care Management. This is not a billable service so it becomes difficult to sustain.

#### **Respite** Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? No

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): We are in significant need of crisis respite beds.

#### **Workforce** Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): All of our community providers are experiences critical workforce shortages. New York State Education Department needs to consider scope of practice issues, particularly for Family Nurse Practitioners in Article 31 settings. These providers can prescribe and treatment mental health disorders in OASAS clinics, family practice and primary care settings but are unable to provide these services in Article 31 settings, even under the supervision of a psychiatrist. We can't create more prescribers with workforce funds. We need to address scope of practice barriers.

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