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Office for People With
Developmental Disabilities

2019 Local Services Plan For Mental Hygiene Services

Lewis County Community Services
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Mental Hygiene Goals and Objectives Form
Lewis County Community Services (70100)
Certified: Patricia Fralick (6/1/18)

1. Overall Needs Assessment by Population (Required)

Please explain why or how the overall needs have changed and the results from those changes.

a) Indicate how the level of unmet **mental health service needs**, in general, has changed over the past year: Improved Stayed the Same
 Worsened

Please Explain:

While the mental health services provision in Lewis County has identified some improvement from 2017, our community is still challenged by staff turnover, rapid change, and social determinants of care such as poverty lack of affordable housing and employment opportunities.

Our efforts to improve service provision include:

- Regular convening of stakeholder groups
- Bi monthly meetings of behavioral health leadership
- Systems approach to countywide planning
- Collaboration on agency specific benchmarks
- Staff education and training on state and federal initiatives
- Participation in regional tri-county initiative
- Open access to intake

Outcomes that enhanced service:

- Improved collaboration with medical community
- Access to telehealth
- Access to peer support
- Increased number of private practitioners
- Restructuring of outpatient clinic leadership
- Improved collaboration between service providers

b) Indicate how the level of unmet **substance use disorder (SUD) needs**, in general, has changed over the past year: Improved Stayed the Same Worsened

Please Explain:

The substance use disorder needs saw an increase in unmet needs due to the opioid and methamphetamine crisis. This is also complicated by limited resources, the county wide poverty; lack of employment opportunities and transportation challenges our community faces. Despite increasing service options in 2017, our county like other NYS counties and states, saw a significant increase in problems associated with heroin and methamphetamine use.

Our efforts to improve service provision include:

- Regular convening of stakeholder groups
- Bi monthly meetings of behavioral health leadership
- Systems approach to countywide planning
- Collaboration on agency specific benchmarks
- Staff education and training on state and federal initiatives
- Participation in regional tri-county initiatives
- Multiple prevention efforts
- Community education efforts
- Open access to intake

Outcomes that enhanced services

- Award of Drug Free Community Grant to the local coalition
- Access to Medication Assistance Treatment Program
- Improved collaboration between service providers, legal system, jail and DSS
- Local outpatient clinic offering walk in intake appointments

c) Indicate how the level of unmet needs of the **developmentally disabled** population, in general, has changed in the past year: Improved Stayed the Same Worsened

Please Explain:

While the developmental disability services provision in Lewis County has identified some improvement from 2017, our community is still challenged by lack of some services, wait for services and adequate staffing levels. Our efforts to improve service provision include:

- Regular convening of stakeholder groups
- Bi monthly meetings of behavioral health leadership
- Systems approach to countywide planning
- Collaboration on agency specific benchmarks
- Staff education and training on state and federal initiatives

- Participation in regional tri-county initiatives

Outcomes that enhanced services

- Collaboration between service providers and peer services
- Program addition of Day Hab without walls and peer run services
- Award of 1.5 million dollars to provide access to telehealth options to the Local DD provider

2. Goals Based On Local Needs

Issue Category	Applicable State Agenc(ies)		
	OASAS	OMH	OPWDD
a) Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Crisis Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Workforce Recruitment and Retention (service system)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Employment/ Job Opportunities (clients)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Inpatient Treatment Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Recovery and Support Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Reducing Stigma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) SUD Outpatient Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) SUD Residential Treatment Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Heroin and Opioid Programs and Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m) Coordination/Integration with Other Systems for SUD clients	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n) Mental Health Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o) Other Mental Health Outpatient Services (non-clinic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p) Mental Health Care Coordination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
q) Developmental Disability Clinical Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
r) Developmental Disability Children Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
s) Developmental Disability Adult Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
t) Developmental Disability Student/Transition Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
u) Developmental Disability Respite Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
v) Developmental Disability Family Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
w) Developmental Disability Self-Directed Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
x) Autism Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
y) Developmental Disability Person Centered Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
z) Developmental Disability Residential Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
aa) Developmental Disability Front Door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ab) Developmental Disability Service Coordination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ac) Other Need (Specify in Background Information)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2b. Transportation - Background Information

Lewis County New York provides a basic county wide public transportation services for its residents. The challenges for consumers involve getting from their location to the offered routes. Another challenge involves accessing services located outside of the county. While residents have access to the Volunteer Transportation Center, this service only provides limited access to medical appointments. Access to methods of transportation is also impacted by the poverty experienced by consumers, who may have license restrictions. The rate of poverty in Lewis County is 15.8% , which is higher than last year. Other barriers are the non local approach to scheduling Medicaid transportation, available resources whose regulatory requirements inadvertently create access issues

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Lewis County Community Services will improve communication about available services and solicit feedback from all stakeholder groups with the goal of improving access to sustainable transportation options.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Lewis County Community Services will participate in local opportunities geared to monitor transportation challenges and success

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Lewis County Community Services will support the County Transportation plan and attend quarterly update meetings

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: support NY Connects in creating a comprehensive online list of resources and services and suggest additions and modifications as needed.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: Will develop opportunities to improve communication to consumers as well as solicit customer feedback

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 5: Will monitor Department of Health and other state and federal changes geared to assist consumers in accessing care

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

- Regular convening of stakeholder groups
- Co facilitation of the Regional Planning Consortium Board.
- Board member for the Volunteer Transportation Center
- Participation in regional tri-county initiatives
- Contributor to the County's Transportation plan

2d. Workforce Recruitment and Retention (service system) - Background Information

Executive leadership from our mental health, substance use and developmental disability providers all report concerns with staff turnover, filling existing positions, finding and keeping qualified and experienced staff. Salaries and benefits at the nonprofit levels have difficulty competing with those at the county, state and federal level. During county planning sessions, participants also note that when there is turnover, this results in a temporary higher case load, loss of agency knowledge, multiple counselors for the client's episode of care, fragmented continuity of care and a reduced confidence in services by both professionals and consumers.

It is the consensus of the Community Service Board and all subcommittees that without maintaining qualified and experienced workforce it will be challenging to maintain a collaborative treatment community meeting the complex needs of our consumers.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Working with the Priorities Council and other stakeholders create opportunities to improve employee retention and experiences for potential and current staff. Building and retaining a skilled workforce from entry level to executive director. Building capacity by recruiting both locally and outside of area.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Partnership with Lewis County Priorities Council Workforce Committee

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Work with Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Workforce retention staff

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Develop targeted organizational relationships and develop career pathways

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: Create sustainable intern options and support local field supervisors

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 5: Reach out to private sector for staff retention ideas such as student loan reimbursement and agency specific training programs

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

- Staff turnover in the behavioral health sector saw some stabilization
- Improved collaboration between community based organizations
- Formation of the Workforce committee from the Priorities Council
- Partnership between local community college and Lewis County to build an education center locally
- Still have a large number of openings for direct care staff for the agency serving our persons with developmental disabilities

2i. Heroin and Opioid Programs and Services - Background Information

Our community substance abuse problem is complicated by community education gap, stereotypical thinking of what constitutes an addict, stigma and not fully understanding the purpose of medication assisted treatment. While we offer outpatient services which includes assessment and

referral, wait times for both detoxification and inpatient beds prevent clients from “getting right in”. Our location does not have access to “respite” or safe sober locations while waiting.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Increase community knowledge of substance abuse, treatment resources and treatment options while improving access and developing strategic partnerships intended to strengthen the continuum of care

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Strategically identify sites for treatment using new OASAS guidelines

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Build capacity by incorporating services such as telehealth/telepractice, MAT,

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Strategically identify partnerships within the community to strengthen the continuum of care and support the client and family

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: Explore opportunities with the local medical community/health system to provide more comprehensive and integrated care

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is available to county residents
- The cap for clients to obtain MAT was increased
- The local hospital leadership is taking an active role in responding to and acknowledging the the opiate crisis within our community
- Local law enforcement established a drug task force
- Local Sheriff is supportive of the recent OASAS jail transition funding
- Local law enforcement is Narcan Trained
- 1st quarter of 2018 saw a 85% reduction in opiate deaths over the same time period in 2017
- Recently reported an increase in clients seeking services for methamphetamine over opiates

2q. Developmental Disability Clinical Services - Background Information

Lewis County only has access to a limited number of qualified and experienced staff for persons with developmentally disability diagnosis of all age groups. The county also lacks comprehensive services resulting in consumers and families traveling out of area for treatment, diagnosis and assessment.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Develop strategic partnerships intended to increase knowledge of available services and improve the "warm handoff" for persons with developmentally disabilities.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Monitor and support transition to Medicaid Managed Care for persons with developmentally disabilities and their families

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Communicate progress and process of system changes to all stakeholder groups

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Communicate to the Tug Hill Regional Planning Consortium successes and challenges of the Medicaid Managed Care implementation

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: Use the Lewis County Developmental Disability subcommittee as a point of contact for ongoing monitoring of system changes

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

Improved partnerships between DD service providers and other stakeholder groups
The local DD provider was awarded a 1.5 million dollar grant intended to provided telehealth services and equipment

2ac. Other Need (Specify in Background Information) - Background Information

Lewis County NY has five school districts. Each district has its own culture and the available services/resources offered to students and families can vary. With the significant local drug problem with 11 confirmed opiate deaths in 2017, 15.8 % poverty rate, 5.2% unemployment rate for 2017 and lacking affordable housing these social determinants of health impact families. In 2017 meetings between school superintendents, county government and leadership from service providers were held. The meeting allowed for the identification of student and staffing needs,

current available resources and discussion surrounding how we could identify students and connect them to available services.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Establish strategic partnerships between school districts and available services with the goal of improving the identification of students and families in need in a "wrap around" manner.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Explore current service offerings/possible solutions to replicate the

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Develop staff education, resource guide and trainings regarding available services, referral process and crisis intervention

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Establish a task-force to bridge state education, OASAS, OMH, OPWDD and create consistent protocols, identify gaps and develop solutions

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: to improve the connection/communication/education between school staff and community agencies/resources in order to best serve students and families so that we are fully maximizing available resources.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

N/A new goal

3. Goals Based On State Initiatives

State Initiative	Applicable State Agenc(ies)		
	OASAS	OMH	OPWDD
a) Medicaid Redesign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Regional Planning Consortiums (RPCs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) NYS Department of Health Prevention Agenda	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3b. Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program - Background Information

Need to keep stakeholder groups informed

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal? Yes No

Keep stakeholder groups updated and informed

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Report regularly at committee meetings

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

This is a regular reporting item at the Community Services Board (CSB), Lewis County Board of Legislature Community Services, all CSB subcommittee meetings

3c. Regional Planning Consortiums (RPCs) - Background Information

Need to keep stakeholder groups informed

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal? Yes No

Keep stakeholder groups updated and informed

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Report regularly at committee meetings

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

This is a regular reporting item at the Community Services Board (CSB), Lewis County Board of Legislature Community Services, all CSB subcommittee meetings

4. Other Goals (Optional)

Other Goals - Background Information

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Only 5 goals can be selected as priority goals)? Yes No

Objective Statement

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

Office of Mental Health Agency Planning Survey
 Lewis County Community Services (70100)
 Certified: Patricia Fralick (5/18/18)

1. To the extent known and available, please rate the level of difficulty faced by licensed mental health (Article 31) clinic treatment providers in your county for recruiting and retaining the following professional titles. Rank 1 as not difficult at all, and 5 as very difficult. This judgment should be made for clinic programs county-wide, when there is more than one clinic. If the title does not apply, or you are unable to make a determination, select "n/a". This should only apply for staff positions that are available to fill; not unfunded positions.

	Recruitment	Retention	Please indicate the reasons for difficulty, when known (e.g., no available workers, salary competitiveness, etc.), along with any other detail that may be useful to understand the issue
Psychiatrist	5	4	high demand salary competitiveness
Physician (non-psychiatrist)	n/a	n/a	
Psychologist (PhD/PsyD)	n/a	n/a	
Nurse Practitioner	4	3	
RN/LPN (non-NP)	4	3	
Physician Assistant	n/a	n/a	
LMSW	4	3	
LCSW	5	3	high demand shortage of workers
Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHC/LMFT/LCAT/Lpsy)	4	3	
Peer specialist	n/a	n/a	
Family peer advocate	n/a	n/a	

2. Please list any professions or titles not listed above, for which any mental health providers in your county face difficulty recruiting or retaining
 n/a

3. Please indicate how many, if any, programs in your county provided input specific to this questions set.
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Thank you for participating in the 2019 Mental Hygiene Local Services Planning Process by completing this survey. Questions regarding the content of this survey should be directed to Jeremy Darman jeremy.darman@omh.ny.gov. For any technical questions regarding the County Planning System, please contact the OASAS Planning Unit at oasasplanning@oasas.ny.gov.

Community Service Board Roster
 Lewis County Community Services (70100)
 Certified: Patricia Fralick (4/23/18)

Note: There must be 15 board members (counties under 100,000 population may opt for a 9-member board). Indicate if member is a licensed physician or certified psychologist. Under item labeled "Represents", enter the name of the member's organization or enter "Consumer", "Family", "Public Representative", etc. to indicate the particular community interest being represented. Members shall serve four-year staggered terms.

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Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Subcommittee Roster

Lewis County Community Services (70100)

Certified: Patricia Fralick (4/23/18)

Note: The subcommittee shall have no more than nine members. Three subcommittee members must be members of the board; those members should be identified here. Under item labeled "Represents", enter the name of the member's organization or enter "Consumer", "Family", "Public Representative", etc. to indicate the perspective the member brings to the subcommittee.

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Mental Health Subcommittee Roster
 Lewis County Community Services (70100)
 Certified: Patricia Fralick (4/23/18)

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Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee Roster

Lewis County Community Services (70100)

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2019 Mental Hygiene Local Planning Assurance
Lewis County Community Services (70100)
Certified: Patricia Fralick (6/1/18)

Pursuant to Article 41 of the Mental Hygiene Law, we assure and certify that:

Representatives of facilities of the offices of the department; directors of district developmental services offices; directors of hospital-based mental health services; directors of community mental health centers, voluntary agencies; persons and families who receive services and advocates; other providers of services have been formally invited to participate in, and provide information for, the local planning process relative to the development of the Local Services Plan;

The Community Services Board and the Subcommittees for Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Developmental Disabilities have provided advice to the Director of Community Services and have participated in the development of the Local Services Plan. The full Board and the Subcommittees have had an opportunity to review and comment on the contents of the plan and have received the completed document. Any disputes which may have arisen, as part of the local planning process regarding elements of the plan, have been or will be addressed in accordance with procedures outlined in Mental Hygiene Law Section 41.16(c);

The Community Services Board and the Subcommittees for Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Developmental Disabilities meet regularly during the year, and the Board has established bylaws for its operation, has defined the number of officers and members that will comprise a quorum, and has membership which is broadly representative of the age, sex, race, and other ethnic characteristics of the area served. The Board has established procedures to ensure that all meetings are conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, which requires that meetings of public bodies be open to the general public, that advance public notice of meetings be given, and that minutes be taken of all meetings and be available to the public.

OASAS, OMH and OPWDD accept the certified 2019 Local Services Planning Assurance form in the Online County Planning System as the official LGU assurance that the above conditions have been met for the 2019 Local Services planning process.