

ALLEGANY COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES
2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Allegany County Community Services (ACCS) consists of two major divisions. The first is the Local Government Unit (LGU) that receives money from the following New York State Departments: Mental Health (OMH), Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). ACCS contracts with local agencies to provide services to Allegany County residents and acts as the local regulatory oversight for these agencies. Also, the department provides services within the County including but not limited to Intensive Case Management (ICM), Single Point of Access (SPOA), Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT), Health Home Care Management and the Mental Hygiene Law hospitalizations.

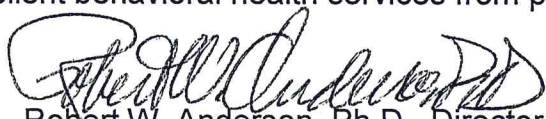
In compliance with the Mental Hygiene Law, the Community Services Board (CSB) oversees the operations of the department. Policy making functions are vested in this Board which is comprised of nine members appointed by the Legislature. The Board is organized with three subcommittees: Developmental Disabilities, Chemical Dependency; and Mental Health. These subcommittees work with the CSB and the Director of Community Services (DCS) to provide local planning that ensures the most efficacious delivery of services to Allegany County residents.

The DCS is responsible to the CSB and the Legislature for implementing existing policies. The office engages in contract management with provider agencies and must assure the contractual, budgetary and regulatory compliance of these agencies. The Office is accountable for processing monthly expenditures and reimbursement claims from the contract agencies and to complete the quarterly state aid claim process.

During 2015, Allegany County maintained contracts with the following agencies: ACCORD; Allegany Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse; Allegany County Arc; Allegany County Mental Health Association; ARA; Finger Lakes Parent Network; Housing Options Made Easy; and Arbor Development, Inc. Annual Reports from these agencies are attached. In addition, the CSB and the Allegany County Legislature authorized financial support to Literacy Volunteers, Loyola Recovery Services, Family Services and Ardent Solutions.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) created many changes to the public behavioral health system. Issues include changes to Medicaid services and most significantly to case management. It is imperative for the CSB to monitor the new entities being formed that are designed to improve services and reduce expenses. One program, Health Homes, necessitates adding staff in order to comply with mandates and provide requisite services. Individuals eligible for Health Home Care Management services are those who are Medicaid eligible and meet one of the following criteria: serious mental illness; two chronic medical conditions; or HIV/AIDS and the risk of developing another chronic medical condition. The revenue generated by the Employee will meet the projected costs.

Allegany County residents receive excellent behavioral health services from providers.


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