

**TIOGA COUNTY  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**9:30am**

**Via: Hybrid**

- I. Review and Approval of March 2025 Minutes**
  
- II. Director's Report – Lori Morgan**
  
- III. Chair's Report**
  
- IV. Committee Reports**
  
- V. Unfinished Business**
  
- VI. New Business**
  
- VII. Adjournment**

**Acronym List 1-23-20**

**STR – State Targeted Response Grant**  
**BHCC – Behavioral Health Care Consortium**  
**SUD – Substance Use Disorder**  
**DFC – Drug Free Communities Grant**  
**RPC – Regional Planning Consortium**  
**RFP – Request for Proposal**  
**PAR – Prior Approval Review**  
**IPA – Independent Practice Association**  
**RHIO – Regional Health Information Organization**  
**MAT – Medical Assisted Treatment**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Pending Approval**

Via Hybrid

**Member** Fran Bialy  
**Attendance:** Larissa Brower  
Carolyn Galatzan  
Porshea Moore  
Bob Williams  
Tina Lounsbury  
Shawn Nalepa  
Bill Standing, III

**Guests:** Jeanette McKay, OPWDD

**Mental Hygiene Attendance:** Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services  
Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services

Meeting called to order at 9:39am

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**Category:** Meeting Minutes

**Topic:** Review of minutes from February 2025 – Approved with changes

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**Topic:** Director Report – Lori Morgan

**Discussion:** Updates:

- Staff changes
  - Dr. Bezirgianian is doing health assessments (5 hours/week)
  - The Mobile Crisis Sr. CSW was not retained
  - CASAC in the background check process
  - Records Management Technician is in the final stages of the background check
  - Amy Coy, Sr. CSW for Waverly is starting on Monday, 3/24/25
- General Program Standards Policy
  - General policy for procedural changes only presented
  - Approved unanimously
- Budget
  - Budget is on track
  - Asking for funding to be moved from Abatement & Mobil Crisis towards advertising to fill current open positions
  - Current headcount discussed briefly
- Hea Hea
  - Operating a partial hospitalization program to start
  - Do have a couple of clients for April
  - Dr. Nichols is the Medical Director
  - Currently have a part-time psychiatrist & Dietitian

- Interviews taking place for Social Workers and another Clinical Psychiatrist
- **Wrap around funding for RSS**
  - ICM wrap around funding will be coming directly from the state and not thru the LGU
  - This funding has been going to RSS since they started providing the services
  - Switch may take place in 2026

**Status:** Informational – Complete

**Topic:** Chair Report – Fran Bialy

- Discussion:** Updates:
- Discussion on the combined subcommittee ensued
    - Each subcommittee has a chair
      - John Crosby – OPWDD
      - Kylie Holochak – ASA
      - MH Subcommittee needs a chair
        - Larisa Brower has agreed to chair the MH Subcommittee
    - Member List for all three subcommittees has been requested for the next CSB meeting
    - Board members should be part of the subcommittees
      - Porshea has agreed to join the ASA Subcommittee
    - The Board has requested a copy of the minutes from the combined subcommittee meeting to be included in the CSB packet monthly
    - All participants seem to appreciate the efficiency of the combined meeting.
    - This format affords the opportunity for everyone to learn of the successes and challenges faced by each O Agency.

**Status:** Informational - Complete

**Topic:** Committee Reports

- Discussion:** Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition – Fran Bialy
- Proposal which was due has been submitted
- Coroner’s Report – Bob Williams
- Newark Valley had an overdose death – toxicology report pending
- EMS Report – Bob Williams
- Open house scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Public Safety Building parking lot and classroom
  - Notifications to go out shortly
  - Fire Departments, Ambulances and a helicopter to be there
  - Porshea will table at the event
- TAM – Bob Williams
- Evaluation took place and the team is in good shape
  - Plan needs to be submitted by June
  - Meeting regularly
  - Have one case they are working with a school district on
  - School appreciates the support

**RSS – Larissa Brower**

- SOS Care Manager hired
- Interviewing for clinicians
- Building up staff
- Very busy
- Larissa's piece is financial oversight with some supervision

**Peer Advocate – Porshea Moore**

- Continues to stop at the Renewal Ranch
- Assists individuals with treatment options
- Renewal Ranch is looking for more properties to purchase

**A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy**

- Federal application which represents half of their funding has been submitted
- Fran is on the NYS Fatality Review team for domestic violence
- April is Sexual Assault Awareness month & Crime Victims Awareness month

**NYS OPWDD – Jeannette McKay**

- Waiting on the Federal government
- No info regarding budget to date

**Status:** Informational – Complete

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:48am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:30am.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25 AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: The Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) has awarded the Local Government Unit (LGU) for Tioga County with dollars for the LGU to procure at its discretion based on the allowable use of funds per Settlement and Statute, funding from the Opioid Settlement Fund; and

WHEREAS: The funding is specifically designated for the purpose of Opioid Abatement; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County LGU has identified appropriate use of funds, the recruitment for vacant positions within Tioga County Mental Hygiene; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of Funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and the 2025 Budget be modified as follow as follows:

From: A269100 DR104 Deferred Revenue - Opiate	\$40,000
To: A4210 416300 ABATE Narcotic Program Charges	\$40,000
From: A4210 416300 ABATE Narcotic Program Charges	\$40,000
To: A4210 540010 ABATE Advertising	\$13,500
To: A4309 540010 ABATE Advertising	\$ 1,000
To: A4310 540010 ABATE Advertising	\$25,500

And be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Opioid Settlement Funding Statute, any unused portion of this funding be returned to the LGU to be used for other approved Opioid Abatement deliverables within Tioga County.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25 AMEND BUDGET & APPROPRIATE FUNDS  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been awarded state aid funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH); and

WHEREAS: The funding is designated for Mental Health Mobile Crisis specific and approved uses only; and

WHEREAS: Amending of Budget and Appropriation of Funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and the 2025 Budget be modified as follows:

From: A269100 DR001	Deferred Revenue	\$10,000
To: A4310 434900	State Aid-Mental Health	\$10,000
From: A4310 434900	State Aid-Mental Health	\$10,000
To: A4310 540010 MOBIL	Advertising	\$10,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with OMH State Aid guidelines, any unused portion of this funding be returned to the deferred revenue account to be reclaimed by OMH.