

**TIOGA COUNTY
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

March 20th, 2025

9:30am

Via: Hybrid

- I. Review and Approval of February 2025 Minutes**

- II. Director's Report – Lori Morgan**
 - General Program Standards Policy

- 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

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

February 20th, 2025

Pending Approval

Via Hybrid

Member Keith Nichols, MD
Attendance: Larissa Brower
Carolyn Galatzan
Porshea Moore
Bob Williams
Fran Bialy
Shawn Nalepa
Bill Standing, III

Guests: Casie O'Reilly, OPWDD

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

Meeting called to order at 9:34am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from January 2025 – Approved with changes

Topic: Director Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Welcome Dr. Nichols as the newest member of the Board
- Staff changes
 - Jason Seidel, CASAC resigned 1/27/25
 - Janeille Williams, LCSW promoted to Supervising CSW on 1/27/25
 - Dr. Tara Belsare', Psychiatrist, started 1/29/25
 - Christina Hust, Mobile Crisis Sr. CSW started 2/10/25
 - Dr. Bezirgianian retired 2/10/25 but coming back as contract
 - Amy Joyce, CSW-Permit starting 2/24/25 (Owego Clinic)
 - Kelly Polidori, CSW starting 2/24/25 (Waverly Clinic eventually)
 - Patricia Zalewski-Gibson, NP resigning as of 3/4/25
 - Amy Coy, Sr. CSW starting 3/24/25 (Waverly Clinic)
- Additional headcount presented to the Legislature and approved
 - ADS struggling due to the increased demand
 - Porshea Moore should be receiving her CASAC Certificate soon
- Mobile Crisis
 - Program is being built
 - Counties experiencing difficulties with sustainability
 - Mental Hygiene will have a relationship with law enforcement
 - iPads
 - Virtual or telephone after hours

- Program will have a Mental Health Peer
 - CRPA'S qualify for this position
- 2024 Incident Trend Report reviewed
- Continuing to trend under budget
- TC Suicide Coalition & TC ASAP Coalition
 - Proposal presented at each coalition to merge
 - Lori is not in support
 - Numerous concerns were listed
 - The Board discussed at length

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: New Business

Discussion: Nominating Committee

- Vote on positions
 - Frain Bialy – Chair
 - Shawn Nalepa – Vice Chair
 - Tina Lounsbury – Secretary
- Approved unanimously

Corporate Compliance Plan & Charter

- Reviewed and approved by Board

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Committee Reports

Discussion: Updates:

- Coroner Report - Bob Williams
 - John Olsen appointed to fill Stu Bennett's term
- TAM Report – Bob Williams
 - Monthly meeting next week
 - Meeting with County Evaluator
 - Four school cases coming in to review
- Peer Advocate – Porshea Moore
 - Distributed 50 Narcan kits within an hour close to a downtown facility
 - Test strips are being accepted and used
 - Some individuals are accepting treatment
 - Porshea to send Narcan order link to Larissa for the SOS team
- PIT Count – Fran Bialy
 - Fran participated in the PIT count in February
 - 16 individuals were found: significant upward trend from previous years

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:54am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20th, 2025, at 9:30am.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25 CREATE AND FILL FULL-TIME
SENIOR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER POSITION
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for creation of new positions within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services and the Commissioner of Social Services has identified a need for an additional position to serve clients at the Child Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS: By the partnering of the Department of Social Services and Tioga County Mental Hygiene to offer mental health/therapeutic support and substance abuse services at the neutral location of the Child Advocacy Center we will be able to enhance services to our most vulnerable youth and families; and

WHEREAS: This position would be funded for the first two years through Opioid Settlement Funds and the following years would be funded through the Department of Social Services grant opportunities, preventive services funding and Medicaid billing; and

WHEREAS: A4210 416300 ABATE will be funded from deferred revenue A269100 DR104: therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized to create one (1) permanent, full-time position of a Senior Clinical Social Worker at a rate of \$69,915 (CSEA SG XVII) effective March 24, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Mental Hygiene Department's 2025 authorized full-time headcount shall remain at 45; and be it further

RESOLVED: That funding would be appropriated from the Opioid Settlement Funds as follows:

From: A4210 416300 ABATE	Narcotic Program Charges	\$78,440.41
To: A4310 510010	Full Time Salary	\$54,016.52
A4310 581088	State Retirement Fringe	\$ 5,265.40
A4310 583088	Social Security Fringe	\$ 3,743.94
A4310 584088	Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 923.23
A4310 585588	Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 52.43
A4310 586088	Health Insurance Fringe	\$14,426.64
A4310 588988	Eap Fringe	\$ 12.25

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25 ABOLISH MEDICAL DIRECTOR
TRANSFER FUNDS AND MODIFY BUDGET
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for abolishment of positions and for the transfer of funds; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has identified the need to modify Mental Hygiene's 2025 budget to meet the state requirements of medical staffing; and

WHEREAS: It is the requirement of the Office of Mental Health (OMH) and the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to have licensed medical staff oversee certain job functions for Mental Hygiene's Clinic; and

WHEREAS: With the retirement of Mental Hygiene's Medical Director, the Director of Community Services has identified the best solution as the abolishment of the Medical Director position and the transfer of funds to contracted services to meet state mandated medical staff requirements; and

WHEREAS: That the existing 2025 contract with Fairview Recovery Services, Inc. will be modified to add the additional transferred funding and add additional medical staffing titles and positions to the contract; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Director of Community Services is requesting the abolishment of the Medical Director position as of 3/11/2025 and transfer of funds to contracted services; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Mental Hygiene's 2025 budget be modified and funding be transferred as follows:

From: A4210 510010	Full Time Salary	\$ 54,702.40
A4310 510010	Full Time Salary	\$101,590.09
A4210 581088	State Retirement Fringe	\$ 1,981.67
A4210 583088	Social Security Fringe	\$ 2,617.44
A4210 584088	Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 355.56
A4210 585588	Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 20.64
A4210 586088	Health Insurance Fringe	\$ 3,490.69
A4210 588988	Eap Fringe	\$ 4.92
A4310 581088	State Retirement Fringe	\$ 3,680.25
A4310 583088	Social Security Fringe	\$ 4,860.97
A4310 584088	Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 660.32
A4310 585588	Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 38.34
A4310 586088	Health Insurance Fringe	\$ 6,482.71

	A4310 588988	Eap Fringe	\$ 9.14
To:	A4310 540130	Contracts	\$126,346.60
	A4310 540140	Contracting Services	\$ 54,148.54