

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

March 19th, 2026

APPROVED

Via Hybrid

Member Fran Bialy
Attendance: Tina Lounsbury
Keith Nichols, MD
Porshea Moore
Bob Williams
Christine Schweitzer
Carolyn Galatzan
William Standing, III

Guests: Casey O'Reilly, OPWDD

Mental Sarah Begeal, Interim Director of Community Services
Hygiene Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services
Attendance:

Meeting called to order at 9:34am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from February 2026 – Approved with changes

Topic: Executive Session

Discussion: Group entered executive session at 9:35am. Regular meeting resumed at 9:43am

Status: Complete

Topic: Director Report – Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Updates:

- Resolution passed for Carolyn's reappointment to the board for an additional term
- Resolution passed for the Jail Social Worker
- The clinic had a very successful OMH monitoring visit
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month
 - Proclamation being presented to the Legislature
 - Requesting for the courthouse to be lit in green for May
 - Sarah to coordinate
 - Advertise Mobile Crisis Program via ads and billboards
- Shawn Nalepa's term ends May 31st
 - Tina made a motion to an additional term
 - Porshea seconded
 - All approved Shawn serving another term
 - Resolution to be presented to the Legislature upon Shawn's approval to serve

- Staff
 - Rebecka Deretz, Sr. CSW (school based) starting 3/23 for Tioga Central Schools
 - Lorrie Woloszyn, LMSW starting 4/1/26 – Jail Social Worker
 - Open positions are almost full
 - Peer Specialist will be a tough fill

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – Fran Bialy

Discussion: Updates:

- Discussion ensued regarding Colleen Arnold’s board membership
 - Board membership process reviewed
 - The board agreed on the importance of RSS representation
 - Fran to call Colleen
- Board re-education
 - Board to review sections 2-4 in April
 - Board to receive revised documents when updates occur
- Subcommittee Reports
 - Mental Health
 - Articles submitted to Pennysaver in January & February by Sarah DiNunzio
 - Porshea submitting an article in April & October
 - May’s article for Mental Health Awareness month will be submitted

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: New Business

Discussion: EMS – Bob Williams

- Open House to be held in May – date to be determined

TAM – Bob Williams

- In person stakeholder meeting May 23rd
 - Review accomplishments
 - State looking for more outreach
 - Currently have two open active cases
 - 1–3-day course planned in May

Coroner – Bob Williams

- Statewide Coroner’s Conference at Tioga Downs this weekend
 - Friday – Coroner 101 Training
 - Saturday – Peripheral Coroner Task Issues
 - Focus will be on Mental Health
 - Sunday – Case studies – mass fatalities
 - Many speakers & presenters
 - 100+ expected to attend
 - Katie Mikulski from the L.O.S.T. Team will be presenting and tabling at the conference

- L.O.S.T. team is part of the Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Automated Records
 - Coroner's office going to automated records
 - Training has started
 - Going live in May

Certified Recovery Peer Advocate – Porshea Moore

- Tabling various events
- Writing articles and posting on Facebook if they didn't make the Pennysaver
- Participated in Black Balloon Day
- Client Satisfaction Surveys
 - Finding the surveys have opened door for what individuals need
- Homeless Backpack Program
 - Supplies donated by Fairview Recovery Services
 - Backpacks have warming supplies, HBA products and a resource guide Porshea developed
 - 33 backpacks have been given out to date
- January's P.I.T. Count
 - Count of unhoused individuals
 - Numbers are higher than the previous years

The board had a general discussion regarding the Renewal Ranch and community concerns.

OPWDD – Casey O'Reilly

- 2026 focusing on servicing, sustainability & equity
- Website updated
 - Family resources – more user friendly
 - Housing page – more resources
 - Employment page updated
 - Front Door – updated language

A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy

- 40 Year Gala June 10th
 - Invites going out in April
- Working on a proposal for primary funding due Monday

Dr. Nichols

- Crime Victims Compensation Claims
 - Form & training discussed
 - Process reviewed
 - Pays medical benefits crime victims for life
 - Advertising is needed to ensure o victims are aware of this benefit
 - Promote to ensure providers are aware as well

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:09am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21st, 2026, at 9:30am.

