

**TIOGA COUNTY  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

**January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**9:30am**

**Via: Hybrid**

- I. Review and Approval of October & November Minutes**
  
- II. Director's Report – Lori Morgan**
  
- III. Chair's Report – John Bezirganian, MD**
  
- 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

October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Pending Approval**

Via Hybrid

**Member** John Bezirganian, MD  
**Attendance:** Fran Bialy  
Larissa Brower  
William Standinger, III  
Pat Gillule  
Bob Williams  
Shawn Nalepa  
Porshea Moore  
Tina Lounsbury

**Guests:**

**Mental Hygiene Attendance:** Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services  
Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services  
Meeting called to order at 9:35am

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**Category:** Meeting Minutes

**Topic:** Review of minutes from September 2023

**Discussion:** Approved as written

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**Topic:** Director's Report – Lori Morgan

**Discussion:** Updates:

- Contracted Employees
  - Currently developing a relationship with Fairview Recovery
    - One part-time Psychiatrist & Nurse Practitioner
  - All other contacted employees are now county employees
  - Permission to contract with Fairview Recovery approved by the County Attorney
  - Resolution to be presented in November to sign contract
- Working on Mobile Crisis Plan
- Awarded the DFC Grant for an additional five years
- Staffing
  - Individual in process to fill the SPOA/Corporate Compliance Officer role
  - Three new clinicians started with two more in process. Hoping for a November start
- Wrap around funds for RSS
  - P-cards being issued; county will no longer be involved with pass thru funding

- More information to come
- RSS has a balance that will be used by the end of the year
- No new vehicles yet
- Criminal Psych
  - Received a bill for over \$74,000 for August
  - Discussion ensued
- Youth ACT Team
  - Childrens Home was awarded to do
  - Lori wrote a letter of support for RSS
- Budget
  - Accomplished coming in budget neutral
  - No issues thus far
  - All annual contract resolutions to be presented to the Legislature in November
- Waverly Site
  - Hoping to receive the final renovation estimate from the Hunt Agency
  - Would like to have before the November Legislative meeting
  - Once accepted by the legislature, Public Works will put the job out for bid
- Lori attending the Fall CLMHD Membership meeting in Watkins Glen November 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

**Status:** Informational – Complete

**Topic:** Chair Report – John Bezirganian

**Discussion:** Updates

- Subcommittee Updates
  - MH Subcommittee discussed articles for Pennysaver
  - ASA Subcommittee
    - Chair of the Coalition leaving for another job
    - Lori calling Ann at Trinity to discuss
  - OPWDD Subcommittee
    - Survey on Effectiveness of Care Coordination
    - Several virtual Town Hall have taken place
    - Participants that needed to see it were not notified

**Status:** Informational – Complete

**Topic:** Other Business

**Discussion:** Updates

- Task force being created around Daniel’s Law
  - More information to come
- Peer Advocate – Porshea Moore
  - Gas Station Heroin – Zaza
    - Sold as a weight loss/antidepressant
    - Pseudo opioid – highly addictive - as short as two days
    - Withdraw lasts up to two weeks
    - Will not register on a drug test

- Found at headshops
  - Jars are \$ 25-\$45
  - Narcan does work
  - Already banned in Massachusetts and Kentucky
  - Perhaps should do a public service campaign
- Porshea is currently on three different boards
  - The Red Door – Waverly
    - Hoping to put in apartments women above the Red Door
    - Received a grant to do small upgrades
  - Lockwood Church “Another Door”
    - May be used as sober housing
    - Parking lot is being put in
  - Shawn told Porshea about a connection he has who may be able to assist her group with what they are trying to accomplish
- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
  - October is Domestic Violence Awareness month – Ribbons/fliers distributed
  - Super Smash Bro’s Tournament (flier attached) at the Elks Club October 29<sup>th</sup>
    - No age limit
- EMS - Bob Williams
  - LEPC meeting scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am at the Public Safety Building, Multi-Purpose Room (hybrid meeting)
    - Tabletop discussion
    - TAM incident involved with Hazmat component
    - Purpose is to talk it thru in the event of a real incident
- Coroner – Bob Williams
  - One coroner had an overdose death
  - Toxicology still out as to the drug used
- RSS - Larissa Brower
  - Currently RSS has openings and accepting referrals
  - Larissa will be out after February on maternity leave
- Pat Gillule
  - Retired from teaching this past June
  - Remains the Director of Camp Badger
- Shawn Nalepa
  - Retired from the Tioga County Sheriff’s Department in June
  - Currently working as an instructor in Broome County
- Other Discussion
  - Housing and the homeless population discussion ensued
  - Shawn shared there is a large number of homeless people in Broome County.
    - 60-70 kids in the Endicott School System

- 300+ in the Binghamton School System
- Everything is being turned into student housing in Broome
- People everywhere are being priced right out of housing
- Porshea shared about some of the people she is meeting and trying to help on a daily basis
- Tioga County has no homeless housing
- Section 8 has a two-year waiting list; homeless has priority
  - Difficulties with navigating this system shared

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:34am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Pending Approval**

Via Hybrid

**Member** John Bezirganian, MD  
**Attendance:** Larissa Brower  
Pat Gillule  
Shawn Nalepa  
Porshea Moore

**Guests:**

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**Category:** Meeting Minutes

**Topic:** Review of minutes from October 2023

**Discussion:** No Quorum

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**Topic:** Director's Report – Lori Morgan

**Discussion:** Updates:

- **Commissioner of OASAS**
  - Hubbard Auditorium – 56 Main St. Owego
  - December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 10:00am-12:00n
  - Listening Tour
  - Surrounding counties invited
  - Marte Sauerbrey will do Introductions
  - Lori Morgan to MC
- **November Resolution Highlights**
  - Permission granted to sign contract with Fairview for Dr. Webster & Patricia Zalewski-Gibson, NP
    - All other contracted employees transitioned to county
  - Resolution approved to hire MH Corporate Compliance Officer (non-union) at a higher rate
  - Permission granted to apply for the NY Loan Repayment Program
    - Lori is preferring to give the money at the end of the employment time requirement .
    - Process explained
  - Resolution to reallocate funds to pay Criminal Psych bill
    - Current line is exhausted
    - Funds from vacancies used

- Staffing
  - Two individuals starting Monday, 11/20/23
    - CSW for the Clinic
    - School based clinician for Tioga Central
  - One individual starting Monday, 12/4/23i
    - CSW for Clinic
- Waverly Site
  - Bid from the Hunt Agency came in substantially higher than anticipated
  - Gary Hammond, Commissioner of Public Works bidding out to see what comes back
  - Mayor of Waverly has been notified
    - May need to renegotiate expenses
- Hea Hea
  - Lori is helping them to re-boot their program
  - Not currently contracted with payment sources
  - Have new staff
  - Expecting an OMH audit at the end of the month
    - Lori will be there for that
  - Regs do not clarify what is expected for Partial Hospitalization
- Porshea presented to the Legislature at work session
  - Homeless population discussed
  - What help is needed
  - Substance Use being seen
  - Shelter needed
  - Would be great to have OASAS housing in Tioga County
  - Lori said Porshea did an outstanding job
- Getting the SOS Grant
  - RSS applied for the beds that go with this grant

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – John Bezirgianian

Discussion: Updates

- Ithaca Times Article – Public Domain
  - Tyler Rodkey died in prison of a Fentanyl overdose
  - Interesting read
- Subcommittee Updates
  - MH Subcommittee discussed articles for Pennysaver
  - ASA Subcommittee
    - Discussion on OD Maps
    - Health Department & Partners in Addiction
      - Texting alerts explained
      - Lori asked for clarification on what was being sent
      - Concerned with confidentiality in smaller areas
      - Talked about a Regional approach
      - Not hearing a lot about overdoses – thinking public access to Narcan is making a difference

Status: Informational – Complete

**Topic:** Other Business

**Discussion:** Updates

- Camp Badger - Pat Gilulle
  - Accepting campers with intellectual & mental health disabilities
    - Ages 6-60
  - Family Camp Pilot for adults & children
    - 3 days/2nights for family units to come and camp

**Status:** Informational - Complete

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:28am. There will not be a December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:30am.

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CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
ADOPTED 1/9/2024

REFERRED TO: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 30-24 ABOLISH OFFICE SPECIALIST II AND  
CREATE ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATE II POSITION  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to abolish and create any position within a Tioga County department or office; and

WHEREAS: One (1) full-time Office Specialist II (Salary Grade IV) position has been vacant within the Mental Hygiene Department since December 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS: Upon review of the Department's needs for additional accounting staff, the Director of Community Services has determined that the vacancy would better be utilized to provide additional accounting functions through the creation of an Accounting Associate II (Salary Grade V) position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That one (1) Office Specialist II position (\$31,131 CSEA SG IV) shall be abolished and one (1) Accounting Associate II position (\$32,851 CSEA SG V) be created effective January 15, 2024.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF TIOGA)

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Tioga County Legislature, have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office, and which was passed by the Legislature of said County on the ninth day of January 2024, a majority of all the members elected to the Legislature voting in favor thereof, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature this ninth day of January, 2024.



*Cathy Haskell*

Clerk of the Tioga County Legislature