

**TIOGA COUNTY
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

November 16th, 2023

9:30am

Via: Hybrid

- I. Review and Approval of October Minutes**

- II. Director's Report – Lori Morgan**

- III. Chair's Report – John Bezirganian, MD**

- IV. Committee Reports**

- V. Unfinished Business**
 - December Meeting?**

- 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 19th, 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

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from September 2023

Discussion: Approved as written

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 25th – 27th

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 29th
 - No age limit
- EMS - Bob Williams
 - LEPC meeting scheduled for November 1st 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 16th, at 9:30am.

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REFERRED TO:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF
MENTAL HYGIENE COMPLIANCE OFFICER
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The position of Mental Hygiene Compliance Officer (\$59,610-\$69,610; Management/Confidential) was created and funded as of October 10, 2023 by way of Resolution No. 406-23; and

WHEREAS: Following recruitment efforts, the Director of Community Services has identified a well-qualified candidate that she would like to appoint to said title; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Director of Community Services is authorized to provisionally appoint Angelica Deyo-Cruz to the title of Mental Hygiene Compliance Officer, at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$62,105, effective November 20, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits policy, Ms. Deyo-Cruz shall be eligible for any authorized 2024 Management/Confidential salary increase effective May 20, 2024, following a successful six-month evaluation.

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH FAIRVIEW RECOVERY SERVICES FOR CONTRACTING FOR MENTAL HYGIENE CONTRACTED STAFFING

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene is seeking the services of Fairview Recovery Services for the purpose of contracting Mental Hygiene Contracted Staffing; and

WHEREAS: Helio Health has been performing these services in the past and has decided to not renew the contract with Tioga County Mental Hygiene; and

WHEREAS: Fairview Recovery Services has performed these services in the past for Tioga County Mental Hygiene; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene budgeted in 2024 for this contract; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into a contract with Fairview Recovery Services, for \$252,000, contracting for Mental Hygiene Contractual Staffing for the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH TOMPKINS-SENECA-TIOGA BOCES TO ADMINISTER PREVENTION SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene uses the services of Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES for the purpose of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene receives state aid pass through funding with no local share for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES has been performing these services in the past and Tioga County Mental Hygiene is seeking a contract renewal: therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into renewal contracts with Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES, for \$10,696 plus any additional state aid received, for the continuation of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES
TO ADMINISTER ONGOING INTEGRATED SUPPORTED
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene uses the services of Catholic Charities of Rochester, d.b.a. Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga for the purpose of Ongoing Integrated Employment Services in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene receives state aid pass through funding with no local share for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Catholic Charities has been performing these services in the past and Tioga County Mental Hygiene is seeking a contract renewal: therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into a renewal contract with Catholic Charities, for \$17,637 plus any additional state aid received, for the continuation of Ongoing Integrated Employment Services for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH ASPIREHOPENY TO
ADMINISTER PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene uses the services of AspireHopeNY, Inc. for the purpose of administering Parent Support Services in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene receives state aid pass through funding with no local share for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: AspireHopeNY has been performing these services in the past and Tioga County Mental Hygiene is seeking a contract renewal: therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into a renewal contract with AspireHopeNY, for \$64,518 plus any additional state aid received, for the continuation of Parent Support Services in Tioga County for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH TRINITY TO ADMINISTER
PREVENTION AND JAIL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene uses the services of Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuses of Livingston County, d.b.a. Trinity for the purpose of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention in Tioga County and in the Tioga County Jail; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene receives state aid pass through funding with no local share for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents and Tioga County Jail inmates; and

WHEREAS: Trinity has been performing these services in the past and Tioga County Mental is seeking a contract renewal: therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into renewal contracts with Trinity, for \$270,098 plus any additional state aid received, for the continuation of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention in the community as well as the Tioga County Jail for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH REHABILITATION SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. TO ADMINISTER PSYCHOSOCIAL CLUB, HEALTH HOME NON-MEDICAID CARE MANAGEMENT, HEALTH HOME SERVICE DOLLARS & ADMINISTRATION, SUPPORTED HOUSING RENTAL ASSISTANCE & COMMUNITY SERVICES, WARM LINE AND DROP-IN CENTER

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene uses the services of Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. (RSS) for the purpose of administering the following programs: PsychoSocial Club, Health Home Non-Medicaid Care Management, Health Home Service Dollars & Administration, Supported Housing Rental Assistance & Community Services, Warm Line and Drop-In Center; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene receives state aid pass through funding with no local share for these services to be rendered to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: RSS has been performing these services in the past and Tioga County Mental Hygiene is seeking a contract renewal: therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into a renewal contract with RSS, for \$269,914 plus any additional state aid received, for the continuation of PsychoSocial Club, Health Home Non-Medicaid Care Management, Health Home Service Dollars & Administration, Supported Housing Rental Assistance & Community Services, Warm Line and Drop-In Center in Tioga County for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

TRANSFER OF FUNDS
BUDGET MODIFICATION
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County is required to pay the full costs for Criminal Court Ordered Psychiatric Care for persons assigned Criminal Psychiatric services by Tioga County Courts; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has received notice by New York State Office of Mental Health that two Tioga County residents were assigned these services, along with the required documentation and payment amount; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has determined the amount of additional funding needed for these already incurred mandated expenses within its own budget, yet this will require a budget modification and transfer of funds; and

WHEREAS: Transfer of funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Mental Hygiene 2023 budget be modified, and funds be transferred as follows:

From: A4210 510010 Salary Full Time \$ 26,376.85

To: A4390 540590 Criminal Psychiatric: Services Rendered \$ 26,376.85

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23 TRANSFER OF FUNDS
BUDGET MODIFICATION
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been awarded additional state aid funding from the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (OASAS); and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has already received the funding and the funding is designated for specific and approved uses only; and

WHEREAS: For accounting purposes, the funding needs to be transferred to the proper accounting budget line; and

WHEREAS: Transfer of funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Mental Hygiene budget be modified, and funds be transferred as follows:

From: A4210 434860	State Aid Alcohol & Drug Services	\$ 74,153.20
To: H4210 434860	State Aid Alcohol & Drug Services	\$ 74,153.20

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

AUTHORIZE APPLICATION TO THE NYS OFFICE OF
MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH LOAN
REPAYMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The NYS Office of Mental Health in effort to address critical staffing shortages has instituted the OMH Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program; and

WHEREAS: This program is a student loan repayment program;

WHEREAS: This program will support specific titled licensed mental health professionals in eligible mental health programs; and

WHEREAS: An eligible program is required to apply on behalf of the eligible individual for funds to be used to repay qualified education loans, over a three-year period; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene is an eligible program: therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Director of Community Services to apply to the NYS Office of Mental Health to be an eligible program for mental health staff to apply for education loan repayment.