

**TIOGA COUNTY
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

February 20th, 2025

9:30am

Via: Hybrid

- I. Review and Approval of January 2025 Minutes**
- II. Director's Report – Lori Morgan**
- III. Chair's Report**
 - Review 2024 Trends Report
- IV. Committee Reports**
- V. Unfinished Business**
- VI. New Business**
 - Annual Review Corporate Compliance Plan & Updated Charter
 - Vote on new Board positions
- 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

January 16th, 2025

Pending Approval

Via Hybrid

Member Attendance: Tina Lounsbury
Larissa Brower
Carolyn Galatzan
Porshea Moore
Bob Williams
Pat Gillule
Shawn Nalepa
Bill Standinger, III

Guests: Casie O'Reilly, OPWDD

Mental Hygiene Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services
Angelica Deyo-Cruz, Corporate Compliance Officer
Meeting called to order at 9:34am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from November 2024 – Approved as written

Topic: Corporate Compliance Report – Angelica Deyo-Cruz

Discussion: Angel presented the Year-End Corporate Compliance Report to the Board.

Highlights:

- Review & explanation of paybacks
- Auditing procedures
 - 25% required, clinic does 100%
- OMH instituted annual treatment plans
- As a result of the auditing process, paybacks have decreased tremendously

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- OASAS Audit
 - Excellent Audit
 - Two small citations
 - 3-year licensure obtained
- Staff changes
 - Cathy Healy, Clinical Program Director resigned/retired

- Danielle Fabregas replacing Cathy on 1/27/25
- Dr. Bezirgianian will be retiring on 2/10/25 due to illness
 - He has offered to come back as a contracted employee once he has recovered.
- Lori plan is to abolish the full-time county position and move those dollars to the contract line to hire part time people
- One employee not retained in Waverly
- The Sr. Clinical Social worker for Spencer Middle School is starting on 1/27/25
- Christina Hust is starting on 2/10/25 for the Mobile Crisis Program
- Search continues for a Mental Health Peer
- Medical Doctor for the Board
 - Dr. Nichols has agreed to come on to meet the bi-law requirements
 - Bob Williams & Bill Standinger, III approved the motion for Dr. Nichols's to fill that role
 - Lori will present a resolution to the Legislature next month
- Psychiatrist recruitment
 - Dr. Tara Belsare, a private Psychiatrist, for ADS and Mental Health, has agreed to come on board 10 hours per week
 - She will be starting on 1/29/25
- Waverly
 - Opening was great
 - Beautiful space
 - Thank you to all who helped this happed
- Combined Subcommittee meetings
 - All three have agreed to combine into one meeting each month
 - 1st Tuesday of the month 9:30am-11:00am
- Opioid Abatement money
 - Met with Jackson and he is researching
 - RFP will be done to get money into the community
 - Various areas can benefit from the funding
 - RFP will be brought before the board before it is put out for bid
- DFC Coalition & Suicide Coalition
 - Meeting today with Heather Vroman & Denis McCan to discuss the pros and cons
 - There are strict guidelines that need to be followed for each coalition
 - Lori shared her reservations regarding combining

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: New Business

- Discussion:** Nominating Committee
- A new chair is needed
 - Suggestions
 - Frain Bialy – Chair
 - Shawn Nalepa – Vice Chair
 - Tina Lounsbury – Secretary
 - Vote in February

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Committee Reports

Discussion: Updates:

- **Coroner Report - Bob Williams**
 - **Stu Bennett has retired**
 - Office has moved to the Public Safety Building
 - Legislature is looking for a Coroner
 - Appointing for 2025
 - Will have to run in November
 - **Six calls received since January 1st, 2025**
 - 1 Suicide
 - 1 Alcohol Death
 - 1 possible overdose
 - **Open House at Public Safety on May 17th, 2025**
 - Multi-Purpose room there as well as parking lot
- **TAM Report – Bob Williams**
 - **Monthly Meetings the 4th Monday of the month, 10:00am at the Public Safety building**
 - **Another class scheduled for May 13th – 15th**
 - **Working on updating the plan**
 - Due to the State by June
 - **Working on the county evaluation assessment in February**
- **EMS – Bob Williams**
 - **Tioga Center & Nichols now have coverage during the day**
 - Contracted with Candor to provide this service
 - Various area coverages explained
 - **County offers EMT classes at no charge for those with a county agency**
 - **Fire side – people are aging out**
 - Countywide EMS - Tioga County doing at this point
 - State view is EMS is not an essential service in New York State
 - There is no mandate for any level of government to provide it.
 - EMS can bill insurance companies now
- **Peer Advocate – Porshea Moore**
 - Porshea explained her program to the board
 - She carries a huge caseload
 - Keeps intake person busy at the clinic
 - Porshea follows her people throughout the process
 - She bridges the gap with where people are and with what they need
 - Renewal Ranch discussed briefly

With the temperatures dropping significantly next week, Bob asked Porshea to reach out if she needs anything from EMS for her people.

- **SOS Program – Larissa Brower**
 - **Hiring a Clinician & Care Manager for the SOS Team**

- **RSS – Larissa Brower**
 - RSS programs are full
 - Fully staffed
 - Social Club is open 3 days a week and serve lunch those days
 - Drop- in Center & Warm Line are open on the weekends

- **Camp Badger – Pat Gillule**
 - Registration has opened with 72 already registered
 - Added 4 new counselors
 - Looking for an LPN for the summer
 - A lot of 1 on 1 support needed

- **Hea Hea – Nadia Constant**
 - LGU is overseeing their Social Workers
 - Grand Opening 1/31/25
 - Lori sat in on an interview
 - Want this to be successful

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Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:43am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th, 2025, at 9:30am.

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
ADOPTED 2/11/2025

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 49-25 RESOLUTION APPOINTING NEW MEMBER
TO COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

WHEREAS: Dr. Keith Nichols has agreed to become a new member; and

WHEREAS: The Community Services Board has recommended Dr. Keith Nichols' appointment; and

WHEREAS: Section Article 41.11 (d) of the Mental Hygiene Law allows counties to determine the length of term of Community Services Board members; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Dr. Keith Nichols be appointed to the Community Services Board for a full term, starting February 1, 2025 and ending January 31st, 2029.

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 eleventh day of February 2025, 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 eleventh day of February 2025.



Cathy Haskeel

Clerk of the Tioga County Legislature

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ADOPTED 2/11/2025

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 55-25 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBER TO
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

WHEREAS: Robert Williams' appointment to the Community Services Board will expire on March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Community Services Board has recommended Robert Williams' reappointment; and

WHEREAS: Section Article 41.11 (d) of the Mental Hygiene Law allows counties to determine the length of term of Community Services Board members; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Robert Williams be reappointed to the Community Services Board, for term starting April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2029.

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REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 86-25 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS
2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been allocated additional pass-through state aid funding for the purpose of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has contracted with the Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES and Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuses of Livingston County, d.b.a. Trinity to provide these services to Tioga County residents and Tioga County Jail inmates; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds into the proper account codes; and

WHEREAS: The appropriation of funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated and 2025 budget modified as follows:

From: A4211.434861	State Aid Council on Alcoholism	\$ 2,013.00
To: A4211.540590	Services Rendered	\$ 76.00
To: A4211.540595	Services Rendered Other	\$ 1,937.00

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REFERRED TO: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 96-25 CREATE AND FILL PERMANENT, FULL-TIME
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER POSITION
MENTAL HYGIENE

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

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has identified a need for the additional position due to level of service demand; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized to create one (1) permanent, full-time position of Clinical Social Worker at an annual rate of \$66,917 (CSEA SG XVI) effective March 10, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Mental Hygiene Department's 2025 authorized full-time headcount shall increase from 44 to 45; and be it further

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A4310 416200	Mental Health Fees	\$79,903.36
To: A4310 510010	Full Time Salary	\$54,266.94
A4310 581088	State Retirement Fringe	\$ 5,526.80
A4310 583088	Social Security Fringe	\$ 3,929.81
A4310 584088	Workers Compensation Fringe	\$ 969.06
A4310 585588	Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ 55.03
A4310 586088	Health Insurance Fringe	\$15,142.86
A4310 588988	Eap Fringe	\$ 12.86

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