

**TIOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**  
**MH – ASA – OPWDD Subcommittee Meeting**

**APPROVED**

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Via: Hybrid

Member	Sue Medina	Sarah DiNunzio
Attendance:	Shannon Westbrook	Sidney Blinn
	Donna Corbin	Evelyn Vavra
	Tina Lounsbury	Gayle Pado
	Renee Nuzek	Kylie Holochak
	Bob Williams	Trevor Yaeger
	John Crosby	Gabby Ayers
	Kim Bailey	Kim Warfle

Guest	Denise Brennan
Attendance:	Tricia Tomm
	Teresa Edwards
	Mackenzie Myers

Mental Hygiene	Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Staff Attendance:	Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services
	Danielle Fabregas, Clinical Program Director
	Angelica Deyo-Cruz, Corporate Compliance Officer
	Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director

Meeting called to order at: 9:34am

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Topic: Review of the February 2025 – Approved with changes

Topic: Director’s Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- RFP for the Opioid Abatement Funding being developed
  - Funding to align with the County Plan
- Proposed Resolutions
  - Collaboration with DSS for a Clinician for the CAC Center
  - Abolish Medical Director and transfer funds to contract medical staff
- Staffing
  - One Doctor hired for 10 hours per week
  - One Nurse Practitioner hired for 17 hours per week
  - Current Nurse Practitioner staying until the end of March

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Deputy Director Report – Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Updates:

- Additional Staffing
  - Two social worker positions open in Owego
  - Looking for two CASACS
  - Two new hires transferring to the Waverly clinic
- Black Balloon Day – week of March 6th
  - Mental Hygiene is participating in this event
  - Peer Advocate Porshea Moore made rounds to businesses yesterday

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Clinical Program Director Report – Danielle Fabregas

Discussion: Updates:

- Census
  - Mental Health – 603 admitted clients
  - ADS – 104 admitted clients, 26 continued care, 17 peer only

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Topic: OPWDD Report – John Crosby, Chair

Discussion: DDRO/DDSO – Renee Nuzek

- 5 new webcasts online
- New forms - Pro ADM now live as of 3/3/25

Achieve Report – Shannon Westbrook

- New people starting programs
- Waiting on referrals

FSS Report – Gayle Pado

- RFP for family service dollars to be released this Friday (3/7/25)
  - Scorers to be trained mid to late March
  - Evaluations & scoring to begin in April
  - Contract approvals announced in May
  - Needs for this area
    - Respite
    - After school programs
- Statewide FFS meeting tomorrow (3/5/25)

CCO Reports

Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Currently have 1 Care Manager position open in the Southern Tier
- Focusing on the clinical component
- Promoting staff engagement & team building

ST Connects – Emily Jackson – Not present

Lifeplan – Anne Seepersaud – Not present

Racker Report – Gayle Pado

- Waiting list for self-direction
  - Short waiting times
- Open for traditional services
- Appreciation events scheduled for March

Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

- Accepting referrals for all programs
- Hiring staff for after school
  - Waiting list for this program
- Open mic nights at 4:00-6:00pm, last Friday of the month
- Movie Night March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-2:30pm
- Food truck coming – opportunity to learn the skills of running a truck
- Game Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 12:30-2:30

Self-Advocacy – Karen Warfle

- Kiwanis Aktion Club meeting today at 1:15 – TC Boys & Girls Club
- Prevoc
  - Son and Peer working on communication (device) options
  - Adding more health-related buttons & more choices
  - Son able to join his church's Sunday morning services via YouTube

Status:

Informational - Complete

Topic:

Mental Health Report – Sarah DiNunzio for Fran Bialy, Chair

Discussion:

A New Hope Center – Sarah DiNunzio

- RFP available -NYS Victims Services
  - Grant funding for 3 years
  - Proposal due in mid-March
- Christine Schweitzer is out on medical leave
- April is Sexual Assault & Child Abuse month
  - Crime victim's rights week (April 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)
  - Flyer to be sent
  - Article in Pennysaver for April

Public Health – Sue Medina

- 2025 Community Health Assessment process starting
  - Due by the end of 2025
  - Community survey out in a few months
- Tabling events with the Suicide Coalition

HeaHea – Lori Morgan for Nadia Constant

- Opening 3/24/25

- Recruiting for needed staff

#### Other Discussion

- New Chair needed for MH Subcommittee
  - Please send nominations
  - Vote next month
- Pennysaver Article for March
  - Depression & Aging
  - Article to be sent to subcommittee for approval
  - Sue to submit to Pennysaver this week

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: ASA Report – Kylie Holochak, Chair

Discussion: Coroner/EMS Report – Bob Williams

- No coroner cases this past month
- Open House May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Public Safety Building
  - Opportunity to showcase the County
- LEPC meeting tomorrow(3/5/25)
  - Weather Service presenting
- TAM Program
  - Good meeting in February – cases presented
  - Program & process reviewed
    - How cases are received and handled
    - Purpose of program explained
  - Terrorism Unit reviewed process
  - New plan due 6/1/25
  - New goals for next year

#### ASAP Coalition – Kylie Holochak

- Black Balloon Day 3/6/25
  - Window clings available as well
- Kiwanis Meeting – Thursday 3/6/25 – Kylie attending
- Grant funding requests due next week
  - Stop Act, CARA & DFC
- Workgroups are up and running
  - Meet once per month via hybrid
- Next Coalition Meeting – 3/18 at 1:00pm
  - Training on Coalition Sustainability
- Sector Rep meeting 3/20/25 at the TC Boys & Girls Club
- CADCA trip reviewed briefly
- Safety Symposium 3/12 at Spencer VanEtten – Kylie attending
- CLYDE Surveys will take place in the Fall for grades 7-12

#### Sheriff's Office – Trevor Yaeger

- OD Maps
  - No spikes in February
- Funding issues with OASAS for Jail Program

Trinity – Laura Smith via email

- Programming at Spencer & Waverly school continues
- Received a couple of educator resignations – interviews in process
- Working with the ASAP Coalition for Black Balloon Day
- Scheduled a Team Awareness Training
  - “Resilience to Thriving” - April 11<sup>th</sup> for Tioga County Mental Hygiene’s wellness day

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Other

Discussion: Acronym List

The list is in process. All were asked to only provide the acronyms being used during the meeting discussion. Those can be sent to Sue beforehand to ensure the list is accurately updated for each meeting.

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Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:24am. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 9:30am.

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