

## COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Pending Approval**

Via Hybrid

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

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Category: Meeting Minutes

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

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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
    - 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025
    - 1 Suicide
    - 1 Alcohol Death
    - 1 possible overdose
  - Open House at Public Safety on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025
    - Multi-Purpose room there as well as parking lot
- TAM Report – Bob Williams
  - Monthly Meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, 10:00am at the Public Safety building
  - Another class scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:30am.

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