

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

APPROVED

November 4th, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Via: Hybrid

Member	Katie Wait	Laura Smith
Attendance:	Renee Nuzak	Gabriella Ayers
	Karen Warfle	Shannon Westbrook
	Sarah DiNunzio	Gayle Pado
	John Crosby	Kylie Holochak
	Bob Williams	
Guest	Kari Nichols	
Attendance:		
Mental Hygiene	Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services	
Staff Attendance:	Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services	
	Danielle Fabregas, Clinical Program Director	
	Porshea Moore, Peer Advocate	
	Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director	
Meeting called to order at: 9:34am		
Topic:	Review October 2025 Minutes – Approved with changes	
Topic	Director’s Report – Lori Morgan	
Discussion:	Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No changes• RFP – Opiate Settlement Funding<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ On county website○ Q & A page posted○ Copy of RFP being emailed to subcommittee• Counseling on demand being provided to Weitzman employees• Criminal Psych<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Budget line will be exceeded after this week○ Finding money in budget through the end of the year• Mobile Crisis Program<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All are required to obtain a special designation to use codes○ Meeting this week	
Status:	Informational - Complete	
Topic:	Deputy Director’s Report – Sarah Begeal	
Discussion:	Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clinic pause for October has ended.	

- Open for intakes
- Staff
 - Social worker hired
 - Offer out to an additional social worker
 - Looking for senior level social workers as well

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Clinical Program Director Report – Danielle Fabregas

Discussion: Updates:

- Census
 - Mental Health - 573 clients
 - ADS - 85 clients & 36 continued care

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: ASA Subcommittee – Kylie Holochak

Discussion: Trinity Report – Laura Smith

- CASA programming has started in Waverly & Spencer VanEtten schools
 - Josh in Waverly with grades 4-8
 - Kim is in Spencer VanEtten with grades 4-9
 - Teen Intervene in Newark Valley, Spencer VanEtten & Waverly
 - Meeting with Newark Valley Elementary
 - “Too Good for Drugs” for grades K-3
 - Newark Valley High School – “Too Good for Drugs” program
 - Participated in Owego’s Red Ribbon Week
 - May possibly offer lunch groups at Owego
- Numerous trainings are coming up

ASAP Coalition – Kylie Holochak

- Guest speaker, Kin Laube from HUGS Inc. presented
- Parent Education Night at Candor – 17 people participated
 - Tabled at Candor/Spencer vs Newark Valley football game and Owego vs. Waverly football game
 - Stress footballs and other items given away
- Narcan Trainings completed at the Council of Governments, Berkshire Library & Tioga County Public Works
- Drug Take Back Day
 - 117 pounds of medication collected
 - 5 large boxes of sharps
- CLYDE surveys being completed
 - Wrapping up before Thanksgiving
- A lot of messaging regarding vaping being done via TV and radio
- Plans being made for 2026

Peer Advocate Report – Porshea Moore

- Tabling at the Winter Resource Fair this week

- Porshea -ADS
 - Angel Deyo-Cruz -Children's SPOA
 - Kate Mikulski – new Mobile Crisis Unit
- Attending the Voices dinner on Wednesday night

Coroner/EMS – Bob Williams

- EMS had their County Planning Assessment meeting last week
- LAPC meeting is Wednesday 11/5 with Corrine presenting
- COAD held the 4th Monday of the month
 - 211 speaker
 - Looking to expand resources information
- TAM
 - Currently have 3 cases
 - Trainings available
 - Contact Bob for trainings
- Coroner
 - No new findings for October
 - One potential – waiting on report

Sheriff's Office – not present

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: MH Subcommittee – Larissa Brower

Discussion: A New Hope Center – Sarah DiNunzio

- October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 - Held numerous events
- First month being down three advocates
- Shelter remains at capacity
 - Lack of affordable housing continues to be an issue
- Safe Harbor Advocacy
 - In Spencer VanEtten, Candor & Newark Valley schools
 - Teen safety matters (Erins Law)

RSS Report – Not present

Public Health Report – Katie Wait

- Working on Community Health Assessment
 - Report to be released at the end of the year
- Suicide Prevention Coalition
 - Strategic planning meeting
 - Working on goals & objectives for 2026

Hea Hea – not present

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: OPWDD Subcommittee – John Crosby, Chair

Discussion: DDSO/DDRO Report – Renee Nuzak

- CANS Forum on 11/5 – information to follow
- Plain language direction report being emailed

Achieve – Shannon Westbrook

- Tioga is full – staff hired
- Recertifying for a higher capacity
- Floors being done before winter
- Working on other building plans/programs
- Looking for a greenhouse for the property

John inquired about the physical fitness of the Special Olympic athletes. Some are not maintaining the level needed to train successfully. Sharon will speak to her supervisor.

FFS Report – Gayle Pado

- Statewide Family Supports meeting being held December 10th
 - Local council accepting new members
 - Brief explanation of the local council purpose given

CCO Reports – not present

Rackers Report – Gayle Pado

- Celebrated Trunk n Treat Resource Fair in Candor
 - Over 245 individuals participated
- Self-Direction is open without waiting
 - Accepting new referrals
- Family Support Calander (attached)
 - Numerous events for November

Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

- Talent Show December 9th
- Craft Show November 15th at the office
 - All proceeds go toward the OPWDD program
- Looking for staffing
- Restructuring programs

Self-Advocacy – Karen Warfle

- Shared both negative & positive experiences her son had this past month
 - Negative: Experienced a lack of patience by staff while trying to communicate with him during his visit to a camp
 - Positive: Online group with AAC devices
 - All used the app to communicate
 - Really positive experience for those participating in the event.

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion:

- Abby is looking for volunteers to assist in the annual PIC count coming up. Please reach out to her if interested.
- December subcommittee meeting
 - Motion made to not meet in December and reconvene in January
 - Motion approved unanimously

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:12am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6th, at 9:30am
