

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

April 17th, 2025

APPROVED

Via Hybrid

Member Fran Bialy
Attendance: Larissa Brower
Carolyn Galatzan
Porshea Moore
Bob Williams
Tina Lounsbury
Christine Schweitzer
Keith Nichols, MD
Bill Standing, III

Guests: Casey O'Reilly, OPWDD
Vanessa Smith, OPWDD

Mental Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Hygiene Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services
Attendance: Meeting called to order at 9:35am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from March 2025 – Approved with changes

Topic: Director Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Staff changes
 - CACAC-T hired for the Owego Clinic and starting on 4/21/25
 - Records Management Technician hired and starting on 4/21/25
 - Clinician out on family leave
 - Working with Binghamton University for possible interns
- Local Service Plan
 - Plan sent to the subcommittees for review
 - Plan to be submitted to the Board for Review in June
 - Due to state by June 30th, 2025
- Opioid Funding
 - Final numbers received from the County
 - Working on an RFP
 - Lori to speak with the County Administrator regarding the unrestricted funding
 - RFP will have a link to the Local Service Plan
- Hea Hea
 - Interviews taking place for potential staff
 - Hoping to service clients in June – no specific date set

- Nadia touches base with Dr. Nichols weekly
- Lori has offered to supervise staff until a Clinical Social Worker is found
- Operating a partial hospitalization program to start

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – Fran Bialy

Discussion: Updates:

- Members asked about Dr. Bezirgianian
 - Brief update given
 - All expressed well wishes

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Committee Reports

Discussion: ASA Subcommittee – Porshea Moore

- Census remains higher than last year
- “Chalk the Walk” event happening this week

OPWDD Subcommittee – Tina Lounsbury

- Changes in Consumer Directed Services discussed at length
 - Tina explained the process and challenges
 - Lori will add these challenges to the Local Service Plan
- Vanessa shared a statewide RFP for family support services came out this week
 - Funding has been identified for region 2
 - Home enabling supports rolling out soon
 - Will help people live more independently
 - Vanessa to send a copy of the RFP to Lori

MH Subcommittee – Tina Lounsbury

- Two articles submitted to the Pennysaver for April

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Finished Business

Discussion: Merger Conversation regarding the coalitions is almost settled

- Not merging based on current information
- The Steering committee combined to cover both coalitions

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: New Business

Discussion: Coroner Report – Bob Williams

- 1 case in Nichols awaiting toxicology report

EMS – Bob Williams

- Open House May 17th from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Public Safety Building

- Showcase EMS services
- Facilitate public awareness
- Porshea tabling
- Looking for a food truck
- Corine is doing a spectacular job putting this event together

LEPC – Bob Williams

- Next meeting – May 7th at the Public Safety Building

TAM – Bob Williams

- Next meeting – April 28th
 - Consultant working on plan
 - Due to Albany by June 1st
- Training scheduled May 13th – 15th at the Public Safety Building
 - Can attend any number of sessions
 - Open to all stakeholders
 - Porshea found the training to be excellent and unforgettable
- There will be non-stakeholder training soon as well
- Meeting coming up at the State level (OMH) regarding HIPPA & Disclosure
- Discussion ensued regarding the TAM program

Peer Advocate – Porshea Moore

- Attended a Conference in Syracuse
 - Made a lot of connections
 - Had the opportunity to speak with the Commissioner of OASAS regarding the barriers individuals go through while trying to obtain their CASAC license
 - Porshea shared her experience with the challenges she is facing
 - Lori will put the requirement steps for CASACs in the needs assessment for the Local Service Plan

A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy

- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month & Child Abuse Prevention Month
- People are participating in “Chalk the Walk”
 - Please send photos to Amy at A New Hope Center
- Child Advocacy Center (CAC)
 - Open House May 25th, 6 McMaster Street, Owego
 - Mental Hygiene partnered with DSS to provide funding for a therapist for the CAC

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: A brief discussion ensued regarding the Renewal Ranch. Neighborhood observations were shared and concerns expressed.

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:41am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 15th, 2025, at 9:30am.

