

**TIOGA COUNTY  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**9:30am**

**Via: Hybrid**

- I. Review and Approval of May Minutes**
  
- II. Director's Report – Lori Morgan**
  
- III. Chair's Report – John Bezirganian, MD**
  
- IV. Committee Reports**
  
- V. Unfinished Business**
  
- VI. New Business**
  - July Meeting?
  
- 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

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Pending Approval**

Via Hybrid

Member        John Bezirgianian, MD  
Attendance:   Porshea Moore  
                  Bob Williams  
                  Fran Bialy  
                  Carolyn Galatzan  
                  William Standing, III  
                  Larissa Brower

Guests:

Mental        Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services  
Hygiene      Amy Joyce (Minutes)

Attendance:   Meeting called to order at 9:36am

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Category:     Meeting Minutes

Topic:        Review of minutes from March 2024

Discussion:   Approved as written

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Topic:        Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion:   Updates:

- New Affirmative Action & Discrimination Policy Presented
  - Approved unanimously & signed
- Proclamation for May's Mental Health Awareness month & Children's Mental Health Awareness Week reviewed
- Waverly
  - Build out has started
- DFC (Drug Free Communities) Grant
  - Public Health is the official coordinator of the grant
    - Includes ASAP Coalition and event coordination
- Jail Service Needs
  - Dr. Bezirgianian contracted for 4 hours a week
    - Working toward not being contractual
    - Dr. Bezirgianian would report to Lori
    - Discussion ensued regarding how workloads would be balanced between the clinic and jail
  - Lori stated the need of a full time Senior Social Worker being hired in the jail

- Recruitment may be challenging
  - Assistance for the Jail may be received from an individual Lori was introduced to at the conference in Lake George
    - Lori explained the basic need services that could be provided that should reduce recidivism
- Budget
  - No surprises
  - Jackson Bailey is the new County Administrator/Budget Officer
- Mobile Crisis
  - \$300,000 awarded to get project up and running
  - Must become self-sustaining
  - Lori's proposal
    - One full-time social worker, one full-time Peer, and a vehicle
    - iPads for police officers
    - Incorporate current on-call social workers to cover over nights and weekends
- County Plan
  - Currently reviewed every 5 years
  - Board welcomed to review and provide input for changes
- SOS Program
  - Focus and help the homeless population
  - Subcommittee in the works with RSS and Catholic Charities
  - Will work with Porshea Moore as well
  - Waiting for contract before hiring commences

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – John Bezirgianian

Discussion: Updates

- OPWDD
  - Questions regarding new developments of one more level of need not available
  - Lori shared the CCSID program is on hold indefinitely due to staffing reasons

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates

- RSS – Larissa Brower
  - Larissa reviewed services offered (Care Management, Housing, Social Club, housing units)
  - Funding coming from OMH for the SOS program
    - CTI Street level outreach within 24 hours of need
- TAM (Threat Assessment Management – Bob Williams)
  - Schools including Tioga Center & Waverly included in TAM program
  - Invitation extended by schools to attend the superintendents meeting
  - Will be held after the school year allowing school personnel to attend

- Meetings will accelerate the program and start the referral process
- Caseloads to be built by next quarter
- Training next week with 27 individuals including 20 County Employees
  - Training involves 1-3 days at the Public Safety Building
- A Threat Assessment Management App being obtained to directly report issues
- Executive Order 18 generated this program from the DTPU (Domestic Terrorism Prevention Unit)
- Program is gaining momentum
- \$172,000 grant being renewed
  
- County Coroner – Bob Williams
  - Findings of recent deaths was alcohol use
  
- Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition – Fran Bialy
  - Restart of Coalition – up and running
  - Next meeting anticipated in the Fall
  
- Tioga County ASAP Coalition – Porshea Moore
  - Labeling at the Strawberry Festival and providing Narcan training
    - Last year’s event was very beneficial to the community with individual receiving Narcan training and given an opportunity to share their stories of loss
    - Porshea to represent the coalition & Anna Walter to represent Mental Hygiene
    - Porshea to coordinate with Fran Bialy & Wendy Arnold to include the Suicide Coalition materials as well
  - Porshea shared the many ways she assists individuals in the community with clothes and necessities. Carolyn stated the importance of the work Porshea does.
  
- New Corporate Compliance Officer
  - Lori will introduce Angelica Deyo-Cruz to the Board at next month’s meeting.

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:34am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:30am.

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CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
ADOPTED 6/11/2024

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REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 212-24 AUTHORIZE GRANT RENEWAL  
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2024 BUDGET  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have partnered in an effort to reduce substance abuse among youth; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene needs authorization to receive Federal Funding for the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) Grant in partnership with Tioga County Public Health, Tioga County Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention (TC ASAP) Community Coalition; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene was awarded said grant in 2021 and are awarded annually from 07/01/2021 through 06/30/2026; and

WHEREAS: The said funds need to be appropriated annually; and

WHEREAS: The Department deems it to be in the best interest of the community and youth of Tioga County to renew this grant funding; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of Funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the grant funds be appropriated and the 2024 budget be amended as follows:

From: A4213.444863 CARA	Federal Aid CARA Grant	\$ 50,000
To: A4213.540590 CARA	Services Rendered CARA Grant	\$ 50,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/24 of the original \$50,000 will be carried forward into the New Year 2025.

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 June, 2024, 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 June, 2024.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Haskeel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

**Clerk of the Tioga County Legislature**