

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

January 16th, 2025

APPROVED

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

Category: Meeting Minutes

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

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

