

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

November 21st, 2024

Pending Approval

Via Hybrid

Member Tina Lounsbury
Attendance: Larissa Brower
John Bezirgianian, MD
Fran Bialy
Carolyn Galatzan
Porshea Moore
Bob Williams
Pat Gillule

Guests: Casie O'Reilly, OPWDD

Mental Hygiene Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services

Meeting called to order at 9:34am

Category: Meeting Minutes

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

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Policy for OASAS – Dual Service
 - Approved unanimously
 - Signed by Chair & Director of Community Services
- Waverly
 - Grand Opening 12/4/24 at Noon
 - Press release on the Monday, 12/2/24
 - Waiting on OASAS licensure
 - Mental Health will move in on 12/9
 - ADS to follow once license is received
 - Open for business on 12/9
 - Office will operate Monday – Friday
 - Porshea will split her time between both locations

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – John Bezirgianian, MD

Discussion: Subcommittee Updates

- OPWDD

- Lori attended a Hospital Collaboration meeting
- OPWDD wasn't at the table, and they need to be
- Brief discussion ensued
- Casie shared of agencies that were shut down due to lack of workers
- Dr. Bezirgianian sees a real back up for OPWDD individuals with mostly kids and young people
- Lori shared of new legislation coming down which would allow LCSW to do 730's without a psychiatrist signing off.
- Lori is hoping they will pass thru the LGU's
- Should it pass, it will become a law
- Discussion ensued

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Committee Reports

Discussion: Updates

- TAM Committee – Bob Williams
 - Will have monthly meetings
 - Sending poll to determine meeting times
 - More schools are getting involved
 - Policies & procedures being developed to keep all on the same page
 - Struggling with confidentiality due to the different people/organizations represented within the group
 - Much to be sorted out
- OES
 - Setting up warming stations with Pastor Jay
 - Bob will be getting all involved to the table to insure everyone is on the same page
 - Need to find out who is involved in the County
 - Plan needs to be developed
- Coroner Report
 - Gunshot suicide this past Friday
- Tioga County Suicide Coalition – Fran Bialy
 - Kate Wait agreed to chair
 - Groups created
 - Prevention
 - Intervention
 - Postvention
 - Proposal submitted by a member for LOSS Teams
 - Process being developed
 - Lori sent a letter of support
 - Wendy Arnold has established funding sources
- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
 - COVID funding has expired
 - Funding helped people with financial resources

- 30 people helped in 2024 with monies received
 - Down two staff people
 - Issue - have had people show up at the confidential house
 - Location was shared on social media by someone
 - Currently two women and eight kids residing there
- SOS Outreach – Larissa Brower
 - SOS Team housed at RSS
 - Team split between Tioga County and Cortland County
 - Homeless issue remains
 - Renewal Ranch is a warming station
 - No overnight stays
 - 4-hour time limit
 - Showers and such available
 - Overnight shelters needed in Tioga County
 - Men’s housing in Apalachin full as well as the women’s in Newark Valley
- Camp Badger – Pat Gillule
 - Hiring for upcoming camping season
 - Registration opens in January
 - A lot of building projects underway
 - Targeting Tioga County for family camp
 - Activities for parents and kids
 - Age a non-issue
 - 2024 season saw 130 campers
 - Had the best staff with most returning for the 2025 season
 - In need of male counselors
 - Have a lot of international staff
 - All go through extensive training in their home countries
 - Training continues when they arrive at camp
 - 8 different countries were represented last year

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:29am. There will not be a meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16th, 2025, at 9:30am.

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