

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

APPROVED

April 1st, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Via: Hybrid

Member	Sue Medina	Sarah DiNunzio
Attendance:	Larissa Brower	Sidney Blinn
	Nadia Constant	Evelyn Vavra
	Tina Lounsbury	Gayle Pado
	Renee Nuzek	Kylie Holochak
	Bob Williams	Trevor Yaeger
	John Crosby	Gabby Ayers
	Laura Smith	Karen Warfle

Guest	Teresa Edwards
Attendance:	Mackenzie Myers

Mental Hygiene	Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Staff Attendance:	Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services
	Danielle Fabregas, Clinical Program Director
	Angelica Deyo-Cruz, Corporate Compliance Officer
	Porshea Moore, Peer Advocate
	Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director

Meeting called to order at: 9:32am

Topic:	Review of the March 2025 – MH & ASA approved as written. OPWDD approved with changes
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Topic	Director's Report – Lori Morgan
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Discussion:	Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staffing<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ CASAC hired and starting on 4/21/25○ A lot of money is being spent on recruitment• Executive order for HH Services<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ STOP Act grant may be at risk○ Lori will keep the group posed• County Plan<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lori will be discussing the County Plan at the next meeting○ A copy will be sent out beforehand○ Please contact Lori with any changes○ The plan is due to the state by June 1st.
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Topic: Clinical Program Director Report – Danielle Fabregas

Discussion: Updates:

- Census
 - Mental Health – 604 admitted clients
 - ADS – 98 admitted clients, 27 continued care, 16 peer only
- Assessment numbers continue to remain very high

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Topic: ASA Report – Kylie Holochak, Chair

Discussion: Trinity - Laura Smith

- Hired a Newark Valley/Candor/Community person
- Met with Waverly & Spencer VanEtten to discuss contracts
 - Full year services for Waverly
 - Spencer VanEtten would like summer programs too
 - Both wish to continue contracting
- Spencer VanEtten holding Restorative Justice Trainings
- Waverly School added “Preventure” Program
 - Program has 4 different curriculums
 - Want to do a mental health month with weekly topics

Sheriff's Office – Trevor Yaeger

- OD spreadsheet updated
 - January – 3
 - February – 6
- Awareness and Narcan availability have really had a positive impact. Great job everyone.
- Jail SUD Program
 - Unclear if OASAS is sending more funding to support this program
 - The process explained and current issues discussed

EMS – Bob Williams

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

TAM Program – Bob Williams

- Training was held yesterday (3/31)
- 1–3-day course coming up May 13th -15th
- New – can be available to do trainings for individual organizations

Coroner Report – Bob Williams

- One potential overdose death – waiting on toxicology report
 - State gives counties a set figure per incident to assist in covering the expense

Peer Advocate – Porshea Moore

- Seeing more ADS people contemplating this time of year
- Connecting with people at the Renewal Ranch
- Participating in more tabling events
- Handing out higher volumes of Narcan
 - Leaving business card with Narcan
 - Have gotten a few individuals reaching out
 - Porshea would like to see a better way of reporting Narcan usage

ASAP Coalition – Kylie Holochak

- April is Alcohol Awareness Month
 - Billboards up
- Drug Take Back Day
 - April 26th at the HHS location
 - Accepting meds and sharps
 - Flyers to be sent out
- Education regarding nicotine pouches being done at schools
- Black Balloon Day was a success
- Sector Rep meeting held last month
- Kylie presented at the Safety Symposium at Spencer School
 - CLYDE information shared
- CLYDE Survey is coming back out in the fall
 - Candor schools doing survey through TST BOCES
- Compliance Checks
 - Partnering with the Tioga County Sheriff's Office
- Continuation applications have been submitted for the three grants
 - STOP ACT grant for underaged drinking – LGBTQ removed
 - Unclear how many identify in Tioga County
- Two districts struggling with vaping
 - “In-depth” 4-part educational program for those who get caught vaping

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Topic: MH Subcommittee – Larissa Brower, Acting Chair

Discussion: A New Hope Center – Sarah DiNunzio

- 2024 Annual Report completed
 - 1,200 people served
- Domestic Violence shelter at capacity for many months
 - Housing struggles
- Safety Symposium
 - 2 Advocates attended as well
- Sexual Violence and Dating Abuse Education at Spencer VanEtten
 - Grades K-12
- April is Sexual Assault Awareness & Child Abuse Prevention Month

- “Chalk the Walk” event April 13th-19th (see flyer)
 - Positive messaging for youth
- Wear the Color Event (see flyer)
- Billboards up for Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Child Advocacy Center Open House April 25th
- April 30th is Wear Denim Day – selling stickers

Public Health – Sue Medina

- “Credible Minds”
 - Training this afternoon
 - Learning how to update the website
 - Draft promotional press releases

Hea Hea – Nadia Constant

- Three team members hired
- Looking for an additional LCSW
- Networking with referral partners

RSS – Larissa Brower

- Housing is currently full
- SOS - working with the homeless
 - Care Manager hired for program
 - Clinician hire in process

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Topic:

OPWDD Subcommittee – John Crosby, Chair

Discussion:

DDSO/DDRO Report – Renee Nurek

- EFR awarded to region 2
 - Language Access Program
 - 2 yr funded program
 - 136 individuals enrolled

Achieve – Shannon Westbrook (via email)

- Tioga Day Hab is at capacity
 - 3 individuals on waitlist for Site Based Day Hab
- DHWOW (Day Hab Without Walls) program
 - 7 enrolled with 1 starting by the end of the month
 - 2 referrals in process
 - Continuing to build the program
 - Seeing a lot of interest in the program
 - Families receiving site tours
- Looking to rehab the old workshop
 - Recertifying for a higher capacity once completed

FSS Report – Gayle Pado

- RFP was supposed to be released in March
 - Not released to date

- Going through the state funding system
- Should be released next week or the

Racker – Gayle Pado

- Activity calendar attached
 - Lending Libraries explained
- Self-Direction & Traditional Supports Agency Programs
 - Both have openings and are accepting referrals
- Base rate for Direct Support Staff is being increased

CCO Reports – Not Present

Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayres

- Accepting new referrals
- No waiting lists
- 3 new staff hired
- “Enchanted Ball” dance to held at the Nichols location in May
 - Open to the public

Self-Advocacy – Karen Warfle

- Attended numerous events
 - GiGi’s Dinner Dance
 - Quarterly FFS Meeting
 - Attending Action Club meeting today
- Actively seeking new participants to represent at this meeting
 - Asked John about Special Olympic Athletes
- Updating list of dental providers who offer sedation
- Experiencing difficulties enrolling in CDPAP services
 - Deadlines being extended due to the roll out issues
 - Tina Lounsbury stated only portions have been extended

Lori stated that what Karen brings to the table is very valuable and the subcommittee has the ability to advocate at a higher level. Karen is a perfect example of what the coalition should be working on that they are not. Karen’s input is invaluable. John thanked Karen for all her efforts.

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Other
Discussion:

The MH Subcommittee needs a new chair, and Larissa Brower has been nominated to fill the position. The subcommittee voted unanimously for Larissa to be the new chair for the MH Subcommittee.

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Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:33am. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 6th, 2025, at 9:30am.

