

**TIOGA COUNTY  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

**November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**9:30am**

**Via: Hybrid**

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

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Pending Approval**

Via Hybrid

**Member** Tina Lounsbury  
**Attendance:** Christine Schweitzer  
Shawn Nalepa  
Larissa Brower  
William Standinger, III  
John Bezirganian, MD  
Fran Bialy  
Carolyn Galatzan  
Porshea Moore  
Bob Williams

**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

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**Category:** Meeting Minutes

**Topic:** Review of minutes from September 2024 – Approved as written

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**Topic:** Director's Report – Lori Morgan

**Discussion:** Updates:

- Waverly
  - Coordinating furniture & computer delivery
  - Office space given to DSS and the State Program
  - Site received OMH approval for 3 years
  - Waiting for the OASAS facilities manager to view the space
  - Waiting occupancy certificate
  - Opening late November, early December
  - Ribbon cutting will be planned
- Staffing
  - Resignations:
    - Jeffrey Caris, Spencer Middle School, effective 10/10/24
    - Diane Obregon, PT Accounting Clerk, effective 9/26/24
    - Christa Anderson transferring to Personnel 10/21/24
  - New Hires:
    - Jessica Murphy, Sr. CSW – Waverly office, starting 10/7/24
    - Jamison Colegrove, CSW – Owego office, starting 11/4/24
- Mobil Crisis

- Seeking a Social Worker
- Possible Peer found
- Resolution passed for the purchase of two vehicles for this program
- Resolutions
  - Annual Agency Contract resolutions presented and passed
  - Mobil Crisis vehicle purchase resolution passed
- Mental Health Wellness Day
  - Mental Hygiene staff had a wellness day a couple of weeks ago

**Status:** Informational – Complete

**Topic:** Chair Report – John Bezirganian, MD

**Discussion:** Updates

- Clinic received their 3-year OMH license certification
- OPWDD Subcommittee
  - State Medicare report came out
    - Listed pros & cons
    - Nothing definitive

**Status:** Informational – Complete

**Topic:** Committee Reports

**Discussion:** Updates

- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
  - October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
  - Candlelight Vigil will be virtual this year
    - Tic Tok video, Instagram, Facebook site
- Shawn Nalepa
  - Member of the Regional Domestic Violence Counsel
    - Hosting domestic violence instructor course for all Broome County Police
    - Will be taught at the Police Academy as well
- Bob Williams – Coroner Report & EMS
  - Toxicology report back for an individual in August
    - Fentanyl
  - Had an alcohol related death over the weekend (2<sup>nd</sup> this year)
  - TAM is moving forward – contract signed for the grant funding
    - Consultant coming in
    - Schools reaching out and being added to the team
  - Attended the TAM Summitt in Albany
    - Grant funding pays for people to attend the Summitt
  - Going forward, more TAM meetings, Consultants coming on board and hoping for more cases
- Carolyn Galatzan
  - Attended the New Hope Center picnic
- Larissa Brower
  - SOS Team is running in Owego three days per week
  - Training new staff

- Porshea Moore
  - Most of the Homeless have been moved into shelters
    - Only a handful did not accept help and are tenting in various areas
  - Attended a Recovery Conference
- Casie O'Reilly - OPWDD
  - The Governor signed the "Employment First" order
  - New York is now an Employment First state
  - October is National Disabilities Employment Awareness month
  - More information later

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:17am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at 9:30am.

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