

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

May 16th, 2024

APPROVED

Via Hybrid

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

Guests:

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

Meeting called to order at 9:36am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from March 2024

Discussion: Approved as written

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
 - Tabeing 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 20th, 2024, at 9:30am.

