

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

March 20th, 2025

APPROVED

Via Hybrid

Member Fran Bialy
Attendance: Larissa Brower
Carolyn Galatzan
Porshea Moore
Bob Williams
Tina Lounsbury
Shawn Nalepa
Bill Standing, III

Guests: Jeanette McKay, OPWDD

Mental Hygiene Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services
Meeting called to order at 9:39am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from February 2025 – Approved with changes

Topic: Director Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Staff changes
 - Dr. Bezirgianian is doing health assessments (5 hours/week)
 - The Mobile Crisis Sr. CSW was not retained
 - CASAC in the background check process
 - Records Management Technician is in the final stages of the background check
 - Amy Coy, Sr. CSW for Waverly is starting on Monday, 3/24/25
- General Program Standards Policy
 - General policy for procedural changes only presented
 - Approved unanimously
- Budget
 - Budget is on track
 - Asking for funding to be moved from Abatement & Mobil Crisis towards advertising to fill current open positions
 - Current headcount discussed briefly
- Hea Hea
 - Operating a partial hospitalization program to start
 - Do have a couple of clients for April
 - Dr. Nichols is the Medical Director
 - Currently have a part-time psychiatrist & Dietitian

- Interviews taking place for Social Workers and another Clinical Psychiatrist
- Wrap around funding for RSS
 - ICM wrap around funding will be coming directly from the state and not thru the LGU
 - This funding has been going to RSS since they started providing the services
 - Switch may take place in 2026

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – Fran Bialy

Discussion: Updates:

- Discussion on the combined subcommittee ensued
 - Each subcommittee has a chair
 - John Crosby – OPWDD
 - Kylie Holochak – ASA
 - MH Subcommittee needs a chair
 - Larisa Brower has agreed to chair the MH Subcommittee
 - Member List for all three subcommittees has been requested for the next CSB meeting
 - Board members should be part of the subcommittees
 - Porshea has agreed to join the ASA Subcommittee
 - The Board has requested a copy of the minutes from the combined subcommittee meeting to be included in the CSB packet monthly
 - All participants seem to appreciate the efficiency of the combined meeting.
 - This format affords the opportunity for everyone to learn of the successes and challenges faced by each O Agency.

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Committee Reports

Discussion: Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition – Fran Bialy

- Proposal regarding a merger between the two coalitions was submitted

Coroner’s Report – Bob Williams

- Newark Valley had an overdose death – toxicology report pending

EMS Report – Bob Williams

- Open house scheduled for May 17th at the Public Safety Building parking lot and classroom
- Notifications to go out shortly
- Fire Departments, Ambulances and a helicopter to be there
- Porshea will table at the event

TAM – Bob Williams

- Evaluation took place and the team is in good shape
- Plan needs to be submitted by June
- Meeting regularly
- Have one case they are working with a school district on
- School appreciates the support

RSS – Larissa Brower

- SOS Care Manager hired
- Interviewing for clinicians
- Building up staff
- Very busy
- Larissa's piece is financial oversight with some supervision

Peer Advocate – Porshea Moore

- Continues to stop at the Renewal Ranch
- Assists individuals with treatment options
- Renewal Ranch is looking for more properties to purchase

A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy

- Federal application which represents half of their funding has been submitted
- Fran is on the NYS Fatality Review team for domestic violence
- April is Sexual Assault Awareness month & Crime Victims Awareness month

NYS OPWDD – Jeannette McKay

- Waiting on the Federal government
- No info regarding budget to date

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:48am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17th, 2025, at 9:30am.

