

**TIOGA COUNTY  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**9:30am**

**Via: Hybrid**

- I. Review and Approval of November Minutes**
  
- II. Director's Report – Lori Morgan**
  - Staffing
  
- III. Chair's Report**
  
- IV. Committee Reports**
  
- V. Unfinished Business**
  
- VI. New Business**
  - Corporate Compliance Report – Angel Deyo-Cruz
  - Nominating Committee
  
- 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

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

**Pending Approval**

Via Hybrid

**Member Attendance:** Tina Lounsbury  
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

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**Category:** Meeting Minutes

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

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**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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:30am.

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CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
ADOPTED 12/10/2024

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REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 431-24 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
BUDGET MODIFICATION  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has been allocated additional pass-through state aid funding for the purpose of Ongoing Integrated Supported Employment, Advocacy/Support Services, Family Peer Support Services, Outreach, Health Home Care Management, Drop-In Center, and Supported Housing; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene has contracted with Catholic Charities, AspireHopeNY, A New Hope Center, Tioga County Veterans' Service Agency, and Rehabilitative Support Services to provide these services to Tioga County residents; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene will incur no local share increase, yet this will require an appropriation of funds into the proper account codes; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and Budget modifications require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A4310.434900	State Aid-Mental Health	\$18,788.00
To: A4311.540595	Services Rendered (Other)	\$ 550.00
To: A4320.540590	Services Rendered	\$ 4,777.00
To: A4321.540130	Contracts	\$ 681.00
To: A4321.540590	Services Rendered	\$ 174.00
To: A4333.540130	Contracts	\$12,606.00

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF TIOGA)

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Tioga County Legislature, have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office, and which was passed by the Legislature of said County on the tenth day of December 2024, a majority of all the members elected to the Legislature voting in favor thereof, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature this tenth day of December, 2024.



*Cathy Haskeel*

**Clerk of the Tioga County Legislature**

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25

RE-ESTABLISH PRIOR YEAR 2024  
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2025 BUDGET  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Tioga County Mental Hygiene ordered 2 vehicles utilizing 2024 budgeted monies. Due to production delays, the vehicles have not been received prior to the end of calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS: Capital Equipment needs to be applied to the budget year in which the product is received; and

WHEREAS: 2024 Capital Equipment funds and related revenues need to be re-established and the 2025 budget increased accordingly; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Capital Equipment Car/Truck account H4310 520060 MOBIL be re-established with 2024 monies in the amount of \$60,148.20 and the 2025 budget be increased accordingly.

H4310 434900 MOBIL	State Aid–Mental Health	\$ 60,148.20
H4310 520060 MOBIL	Car/Truck	\$ 60,148.20

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25

AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF  
CLINICAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
MENTAL HYGIENE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The position of Clinical Program Director became vacant as of January 4, 2025 within the Mental Hygiene Department; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has identified an internal desirable candidate; and

WHEREAS: The salary range for said position has been identified as \$73,748 to \$83,748; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services and the Personnel Officer have determined that the qualified candidate possesses 13+ years' experience, which is sufficient experience and skills to justify an entry salary at the top of the salary range; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Danielle Fabregas is provisionally appointed to the title of Clinical Program Director, pending successful completion of civil service examination requirements, at an annual Management/Confidential salary of \$80,000, an increase of \$7,807.00 from her current position as Supervising Social Worker, effective January 27, 2025.