

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Pending Approval**

Via Hybrid

**Member** Shawn Nalepa  
**Attendance:** Tina Lounsbury  
Keith Nichols, MD  
Patricia Gillule  
Porshea Moore  
Bob Williams  
Fran Bialy  
Christine Schweitzer  
Carolyn Galatzan  
William Standing, III

**Guests:**

**Mental Hygiene Attendance:** Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services  
Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services  
Meeting called to order at 9:45am

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**Category:** Meeting Minutes

**Topic:** Review of minutes from October 2025 – Approved with changes

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**Topic:** Director Report – Lori Morgan

- Discussion:** Updates:
- Staff
    - Hunter Buchmann, LMSW, started 10/20/25
    - Amber Swawola, LMSW started 12/1/25
    - Steven Carter, Certified Peer Specialist for Mobile Crisis started 12/1/25
    - Leila Squilcciarini, CASAC, starting 1/26/26
    - Still looking for Sr. CSW's
  - DFC Grant
    - Paused or eliminated per email received
    - Current grants under review
    - Public Health notified
    - Public Health to be the AOR on the grant instead of Lori
    - Currently in year 8 of the grant
    - In-kind match increases annually
  - RFP - Opioid Abatement Settlement Funding
    - 5 organizations selected
    - All had great proposals
    - There are deliverables and timelines (reporting requirements) with the RFP
  - Corporate Compliance

- Standards of Conduct, Compliance Plan, Annual Policy Review & Compliance Committee Charter reviewed and signed with no changes

**Status:** Informational – Complete

**Topic:** Executive Session – Board

**Discussion:** Board went into executive session for personnel steps discussion

**Status:** Meeting resumed at 10:17am

**Topic:** Chair Report – Fran Bialy

**Discussion:** Updates:

- Succession Committee development
  - Fran Bialy, Porshea Moore, Bill Standinger, Shawn Nalepa & Carolyn Galatzan
  - Committee to reach out to Jackson Baile for county assistance
  - Process to be set up
  - Lori provided the history of Deputy Director for succession
    - The Board only has control over the Director not the Deputy
    - The Board's objective is to hire a Director
  - The County & Sarah Begeal want to contract with Lori to consult and Lori has agreed
  - A contract will be given to Lori to review
  - Fran sent Lori's resignation letter to the IOCC (Commissioner of all O agencies)

#### Committee Updates

- St. John's Community Services presented at the MH-ASA-OPWDD Subcommittee meeting in January
  - Brian Coleman & Richard Bennett shared St. John's is interested in providing Residential Supportive Housing for Tioga County
  - St. Johns is in other counties
  - Focus would be on missing pieces
  - Housing has been a part of the County Plan for years
  - Board would like St. Johns to present at the February Board meeting

#### Board Membership

- Resolution for Board Membership passed Colleen Arnold from RSS
  - Colleen has a conflict due to a mandatory meeting she must attend monthly

#### A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy

- Thank you to the RFP Committee for the funding award
- New RFA – contract helps to keep ANHC moving forward
- 2026 is ANHC 40-year anniversary
  - Planning activities, events and a special dinner in June

#### EMS – Bob Williams

- TAM (Threat Assessment Management) currently has 2 active cases, 2 inactive
  - Process is working well with high participation

- Training coming up in May
- History of TAM reviewed briefly
- Software coming out to track state-wide cases
- All participating organizations working together on cases as whole cases instead of silos
- Tioga County Coroners Association Training at Tioga Downs in the Spring
  - Disaster Mental Health & First Responders Mental Health are part of the agenda
  - Lori noted Sarah Begeal is sending a couple of people to the State DMH training
  - Trainers will be coming here to train the remaining staff later

**Certified Recovery Peer Advocate – Porshea Moore**

- Open Door Mission
  - Men's unit is still open but selective
  - Brief discussion ensued

**PIT Count – Fran Bialy**

- Taking place January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, from 10pm-Midnight
- Looking for volunteers
- Counting of the unhoused
- Survey afterward
- Federal initiative through HUD

**Other Discussion**

- Dr. Nichols asked to either not use acronyms or define them when used
- Please be sure to speak up so that those on Zoom can hear the entirety of the meeting

Pat Gillule and the Board thanked Lori for her years of dedication and service to Tioga County. She will be truly missed.

**Status:** Informational – Complete

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:11am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 9:30am.