

**TIOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

**MH – ASA – OPWDD Subcommittee Meeting**

**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Via: Hybrid**

- **Review and approve March 2025 meeting minutes**
- **Director's Report**
- **Deputy Director's Report**
- **Clinical Director's Report**
- **ASA Report - Kylie Holochak, Chair**
  - **Trinity Report**
  - **ASAP Coalition Report**
  - **Coroner/EMS Report**
  - **Sheriff's Office Report**
  - **Additional Updates**
- **Mental Health Report – TBD**
  - **A New Hope Center Report**
  - **RSS Report**
  - **Public Health**
  - **HeaHea Report**
  - **Additional Updates**
- **OPWDD Report – John Crosby, Chair**
  - **DDSR/DDRO Report**
  - **Achieve Report**
  - **FSS Report**
  - **CCO Reports**
  - **Racker Report**
  - **Catholic Charities Report**
  - **Self-Advocacy Report**
  - **Other Business**
- **Additional Group Discussion**
- **Adjournment**

*Next meeting: Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

**TIOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
MH – ASA – OPWDD Subcommittee Meeting**

**PENDING APPROVAL**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Via: Hybrid**

<b>Member Attendance:</b>	Sue Medina Shannon Westbrook Donna Corbin Tina Lounsbury Renee Nuzek Bob Williams John Crosby Kim Bailey	Sarah DiNunzio Sidney Blinn Evelyn Vavra Gayle Pado Kylie Holochak Trevor Yaeger Gabby Ayers Kim Warfle
<b>Guest Attendance:</b>	Denise Brennan Tricia Tomm Teresa Edwards Mackenzie Myers	
<b>Mental Hygiene Staff Attendance:</b>	Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services Danielle Fabregas, Clinical Program Director Angelica Deyo-Cruz, Corporate Compliance Officer Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director	

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Meeting called to order at: 9:34am

**Topic:** Review of the February 2025 – Approved with changes

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

**Discussion:** Updates:

- RFP for the Opioid Abatement Funding being developed
  - Funding to align with the County Plan
- Proposed Resolutions
  - Collaboration with DSS for a Clinician for the CAC Center
  - Abolish Medical Director and transfer funds to contract medical staff
- Staffing
  - One Doctor hired for 10 hours per week
  - One Nurse Practitioner hired for 17 hours per week
  - Current Nurse Practitioner staying until the end of March

**Status:** Informational – Complete

**Topic:** Deputy Director Report – Sarah Begeal

**Discussion:** Updates:

- Additional Staffing
  - Two social worker positions open in Owego
  - Looking for two CASACS
  - Two new hires transferring to the Waverly clinic
- Black Balloon Day – week of March 6th
  - Mental Hygiene is participating in this event
  - Peer Advocate Porshea Moore made rounds to businesses yesterday

**Status:** Informational - Complete

**Topic:** Clinical Program Director Report – Danielle Fabregas

**Discussion:** Updates:

- Census
  - Mental Health – 603 admitted clients
  - ADS – 104 admitted clients, 26 continued care, 17 peer only

**Status:** Informational - Complete

**Topic:** OPWDD Report – John Crosby, Chair

**Discussion:** DDRO/DDSO – Renee Nuzek

- 5 new webcasts online
- New forms - Pro ADM now live as of 3/3/25

Achieve Report – Shannon Westbrook

- New people starting programs
- Waiting on referrals

FSS Report – Gayle Pado

- RFP for family service dollars to be released this Friday (3/7/25)
  - Scorers to be trained mid to late March
  - Evaluations & scoring to begin in April
  - Contract approvals announced in May
  - Needs for this area
    - Respite
    - After school programs
- Statewide FFS meeting tomorrow (3/5/25)

CCO Reports

Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Currently have 1 Care Manager position open in the Southern Tier
- Focusing on the clinical component
- Promoting staff engagement & team building

ST Connects – Emily Jackson – Not present

Lifeplan – Anne Seepersaud – Not present

Racker Report – Gayle Pado

- Waiting list for self-direction
  - Short waiting times
- Open for traditional services
- Appreciation events scheduled for March

Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

- Accepting referrals for all programs
- Hiring staff for after school
  - Waiting list for this program
- Open mic nights at 4:00-6:00pm, last Friday of the month
- Movie Night March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-2:30pm
- Food truck coming – opportunity to learn the skills of running a truck
- Game Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 12:30-2:30

Self-Advocacy – Karen Warfle

- Kiwanis Club meeting today at 1:15 – TC Boys & Girls Club
- Prevok
  - Son and Peer working on communication (device) options
  - Adding more health-related buttons & more choices
  - Son able to join his church's Sunday morning services via YouTube

Status:

Informational - Complete

Topic:

Mental Health Report – Sarah DiNunzio for Fran Bialy, Chair

Discussion:

A New Hope Center – Sarah DiNunzio

- RFP available -NYS Victims Services
  - Grant funding for 3 years
  - Proposal due in mid-March
- Christine Schweitzer is out on medical leave
- April is Sexual Assault & Child Abuse month
  - Crime victim's rights week (April 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)
  - Flyer to be sent
  - Article in Pennysaver for April

Public Health – Sue Medina

- 2025 Community Health Assessment process starting
  - Due by the end of 2025
  - Community survey out in a few months
- Tabling events with the Suicide Coalition

HeaHea – Lori Morgan for Nadia Constant

- Opening 3/24/25

- Recruiting for needed staff

#### Other Discussion

- New Chair needed for MH Subcommittee
  - Please send nominations
  - Vote next month
- Pennysaver Article for March
  - Depression & Aging
  - Article to be sent to subcommittee for approval
  - Sue to submit to Pennysaver this week

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: ASA Report – Kylie Holochak, Chair

Discussion: Coroner/EMS Report – Bob Williams

- No coroner cases this past month
- Open House May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Public Safety Building
  - Opportunity to showcase the County
- LEPC meeting tomorrow(3/5/25)
  - Weather Service presenting
- TAM Program
  - Good meeting in February – cases presented
  - Program & process reviewed
    - How cases are received and handled
    - Purpose of program explained
  - Terrorism Unit reviewed process
  - New plan due 6/1/25
  - New goals for next year

#### ASAP Coalition – Kylie Holochak

- Black Balloon Day 3/6/25
  - Window clings available as well
- Kiwanis Meeting – Thursday 3/6/25 – Kylie attending
- Grant funding requests due next week
  - Stop Act, CARA & DFC
- Workgroups are up and running
  - Meet once per month via hybrid
- Next Coalition Meeting – 3/18 at 1:00pm
  - Training on Coalition Sustainability
- Sector Rep meeting 3/20/25 at the TC Boys & Girls Club
- CADCA trip reviewed briefly
- Safety Symposium 3/12 at Spencer VanEtten – Kylie attending
- CLYDE Surveys will take place in the Fall for grades 7-12

#### Sheriff's Office – Trevor Yaeger

- OD Maps
  - No spikes in February
- Funding issues with OASAS for Jail Program

Trinity – Laura Smith via email

- Programming at Spencer & Waverly school continues
- Received a couple of educator resignations – interviews in process
- Working with the ASAP Coalition for Black Balloon Day
- Scheduled a Team Awareness Training
  - “Resilience to Thriving” - April 11<sup>th</sup> for Tioga County Mental Hygiene’s wellness day

Status: Informational – Complete

Other Discussion: Acronym List

The list is in process. All were asked to only provide the acronyms being used during the meeting discussion. Those can be sent to Sue beforehand to ensure the list is accurately updated for each meeting.

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Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:24am. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 9:30am.

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## **MH-ASA-OPWDD Subcommittee Acronym & Glossary List:**

- AAC** – Augmentative & Alternative Communication
- Access-VR**- Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation
- ADA** - Americans with Disabilities Act
- ADM**- Administrative Memoranda
- APS**- Adult Protective Services
- ASHA** – American Speech, Language & Hearing Association
- AT** - Assistive Technology
- BHCC** – Behavioral Health Care Consortium
- BOCES**- Board of Cooperative Educational Services
- CAS** – Coordinated Assessment System: (Tool under development to better reflect persons strengths & needs and will replace the DDP-2. Will also be used in future to determine individual's PRA.
- CCO**- Care Coordination Organization
- CDPAS**-Consumer Directed Personal Care Assistance Service
- Comm Hab** - Community Habilitation
- CHHA**- Certified Home Health Agency
- CIS**- Community Integration Specialist
- CSE** - Committee on Special Education
- CPS**- Child Protective Services
- CSE**- Committee on Special Education
- CTS** – Community Transition Services – (\$ 3,000 available only to individuals moving from certified settings to their own apartments to purchase items related to their Valued Outcomes).
- DD**- Developmental Disability
- DDP-2** – Developmental Disability Profile – (Used to measure strengths & needs, determines PRA).
- DDRO** - Developmental Disability Regional Office: Local OPWDD Office managing services to the community.
- DFC** – Drug Free Communities Grant
- DOH**- Department of Health
- DME**- Durable Medical Equipment
- DSRIP**-Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program
- DSS**- Department of Social Services
- EI** - Early Intervention
- EMOD** - Environmental Modification
- FET**- Family Education and Training
- FI** – Fiscal Intermediary: (OPWDD approved non-profit agency that pays/reimburses SD expenses & payroll as well as conducting employee background checks).
- FSS** – Family Support Services: 100% state funding for services to families via agency contracts.
- HCBSW** - Home & Community Based Services Waiver – a NYS OPWDD Medicaid Waiver based on a social model that provides habilitation services and supports for individuals with ID / DD. It is a funding source which utilizes 50% NYS dollars and 50% Federal dollars.
- HCSS**- Home and Community Support Services
- HHUNY**- Health Home of Upstate New York
- IBS**- Intensive Behavioral Services
- IDGS** – Individual Directed Goods & Services – a Medicaid Waiver category within the SD budget.
- IEP** - Individualized Education Plan

**IPA** – Independent Practice Association

**IRA** - Individualized Residential Alternative

**ISAAC** – International Society for Augmentative & Alternative Communication

**ISP** - Individualized Service Plan

**ISS** - Individual Support Services – a rent subsidy that assists ID/DD individual to pay their rent. Subsidy covers 70% of the rent, the individual is responsible for the other 30%. Others living in the apartment must cover their own equal portion of the rent or have their own ISS agreement. Person may also access traditional waiver Community Habilitation for other support.

**MAT** – Medical Assisted Treatment

**MCO**- Managed Care Organization

**MLTC**-Managed Long Term Care

**MOU** - Memorandum of Understanding – An agreement between two parties describing the responsibilities of each party.

**MSC** – Medicaid Service Coordinator

**NAACA** – North American Alliance for Communication Access

**NHTD**- Nursing Home Transition Diversion Waiver

**NOD**- Notice of Determination

**OASAS** - Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

**OCFS** - Office of Children and Family Services within the new DFA

**OMH** - Office of Mental Health

**OPWDD**- Office of People with Developmental Disabilities

**OSHA** - Occupational Safety & Health Administration

**OT** - Occupational Therapy

**OTPS** – Other Than Personal Service: A category within the SD budget of 100% State dollars to fund allowable items not covered elsewhere in the budget.

**OTR** – Other Than Residential: (a SD plan designed to pay for only non-residential services)

**PAR** – Prior Approval Review

**PCA**- Personal Care Aide.

**PCP** - Person Centered Planning or Primary Care Provider

**PRA** – Personal Resource Allocation

**PT** - Physical Therapy

**RFP** – Request for Proposal

**RPC** – Regional Planning Consortium

**SEMP**- Supported Employment Medicaid Program

**SLP** – Speech-Language Pathologist

**SP** - Speech Pathology

**SSA** - Social Security Administration

**SSDI** - Social Security Disability Insurance

**SSI** - Supplemental Security Income

**SUD** – Substance Use Disorder

**TBI** - Traumatic Brain Injury

**USSAAC** – United States Society for Augmentative & Alterative Communication