

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

November 20th, 2025

APPROVED

Via Hybrid

Member Shawn Nalepa

Attendance: Tina Lounsbury

Keith Nichols, MD

Patricia Gillule

Porshea Moore

Bob Williams

Fran Bialy

Christine Schweitzer

Guests: Casie O'Reilly, OPWDD

Mental Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services

Hygiene Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services

Attendance: Meeting called to order at 9:38am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from October 2025 – Approved as written

Topic: Director Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Staff
 - Amber Swawola, LMSW starting 12/1/25
 - Certified Peer Specialist in the background check process
- Open Door Mission
 - Clarification given regarding Men's Dorm
 - Porshea provided a brief overview of the situation
 - Fran to meet with Porshea to assist
- St. John's
 - Lori had a meeting with Brian Coleman from St. John's
 - Supportive Housing located in several counties and states
 - They are looking to expand into Tioga County
- RFP - Opioid Abatement Settlement Funding
 - RFP sent out
 - Proposals due by December 12th, 2025
- Mobile Crisis
 - Lori wrote a letter of support
 - Per an email from Tiffany Bloss at OMH, all 988 data is going directly to the Suicide Prevention Coalition
 - Lori requested the data to be sent to her.
 - Fran will speak with Katie Wait at the next meeting.

- Disaster Planning
 - Mental Health Response
 - Social Workers need to be certified with the Red Cross to provide services
 - Lori asked Katie Mikluski to get certification set up
 - Bob can set up state classes for social worker certification
- Hea Hea
 - Opening with two self-pay clients
 - Lori meeting with Hea Hea today
 - Waiting on Fidelis
 - Rates loaded but no confirmation yet
- RFP – Opioid Abatement
 - Open to all agencies
 - A team of people will approve RFP recipients

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – Fran Bialy, Chair

Discussion: Updates:

- Annual PIT count – January 22nd, 2026
 - Unsheltered count at night
- Gabby from Catholic Charities is the lead
- Will obtain shelter numbers as well
- Survey for found individuals
 - Questions like: Where did you sleep the night before
- Goal is to capture number of people that are homeless on that particular day
- Statistic: Two years previously – 1-2 individuals located
Last year – 14-15 individuals located

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Committee Reports

Discussion: OPWDD – Cassie O'Reilly

- Provider, CCO & family education
- A lot of meetings taking place
- Link on OPWDD website regarding C.A.S.S.

EMS – Bob Williams

- TAM currently has 3 active cases
- Customized public trainings taking place – contact Bob to schedule
- Hosting 14 county regional meeting 12/3/25
- COAD
 - 211 representatives from Broome County and State will be presenting in December & January
 - Representatives attending the next Suicide Coalition meeting as well
- LAPC will be meeting in January

Coroner – Bob Williams

- Unusual overdose death via Benadryl
 - Believed to be accidental

Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) – Porshea Moore

- Renewal Ranch
 - Group discussion ensued
- General struggle shared regarding the population Porshea serves

Pat Gillule

- Shared seeking help for a family with six kids needing a place to live
- Housing crisis in this is huge
- Discussion ensued with all offering various resources to assist

A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy

- Fran gave an overview of the struggles A New Hope Center has been facing since July
- By October, funding for 230 programs disappeared
- Program dollars were removed from already approved contracts
- ANHC received an increase in sexual assault funding that helped even out the budget
- Currently operating with a staff of 14 leaving the program stretch incredibly thin

Topic: New Business

Discussion: Updates:

- Board Membership
 - Larissa Brower resigned from the board
 - Board voted and approved Colleen Arnold's membership
 - Resolution to be presented to Legislature

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:318am. There will not be a December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15th, 2026, at 9:30am.

