

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

January 19th, 2024

APPROVED

Via Hybrid

Member John Bezirganian, MD
Attendance: Larissa Brower
 Pat Gillule
 Shawn Nalepa
 Porshea Moore
 William Standinger, III
 Bob Williams
 Christine Schweitzer (Zoom)
 Fran Bialy

Guests:

Mental Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Hygiene Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services
Attendance: Meeting called to order at 9:34am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from October 2023 & November 2023

Discussion: October 2023 approved with change. November approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Corporate Compliance Charter Update
 - Removes Wendy Arnold as Chair
 - Angelica Deyo-Cruz added as new Chair
 - Board approved
 - Signed by Board Chair
- Commissioner of OASAS Visit
 - Rescheduled for February 27th, 2:00-4:00pm at the Hubbard Auditorium
- Budget
 - Received \$224,000 in Abatement money
 - Holding for now
 - Portion allotted to furniture for new Waverly site if approved
 - Bids on site back the first week of February
 - Must be approved by the Legislature as a whole
 - Committee to be formed for RFP dollars
 - Received additional \$50,000 in uncompensated care for 2023
 - Mental Hygiene returned dollars to the County for 2023

- Hea Hea
 - Lori is helping navigate policies
 - Audit is complete
 - Planning to reinstate services at the end of first quarter or beginning of second quarter 2024
 - Need staff and the ability to bill payers
- New IRA
 - Moving from Broome County to Crestview Heights in Tioga County
- Staffing
 - Angelica Deyo-Cruz hired to fill C-SPOA and Corporate Compliance Officer
 - Jacklyn Egan, LMSW started 12/4 for Mental Health
 - Laura Solomon, LCSW for Tioga Central Schools started 12/4 and resigned 1/2/24
 - Georg-Karen Hawks promoted to Accounting Associate II
 - Hannah Pizzuti promoted to Accounting Associate II
 - Looking for an Accounting Associate I
 - Nicholas Conti, CASAC-T starting 1/29/24
- Article 18
 - DCS call yesterday
 - Various counties struggling with Article 18
 - Discussion at state level for OPWDD
 - Advocating for change
- Misc
 - Had another 2PC from the jail
 - Total of three in the past four months
 - Lori reached out to Peter DeWind
 - Criminal Psych and 2PC's are different
 - Difference explained
 - Discussion ensued regarding Criminal Psych
 - Conference advocating for change

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – John Bezirgianian

Discussion: Updates

- Nominating Committee
 - Board voted to table until February
- 2023 Incident Review Trend Report
 - Trends to be presented in February
- Subcommittee Highlights
 - MH Subcommittee – did not meet
 - ASA Subcommittee
 - CASA Trinity struggling with staff & coalition membership
 - OPWDD Subcommittee
 - New IRA in Tioga County

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates

- EMS - Bob Williams
 - LEPC Meeting – TAM Program
 - Presentation from Squad 9
 - TAM training held in December
 - Developing MOU's
 - Training February 6-8th at Tomkins County Airport
 - Continuing to work with Squad 9
 - Would like to bring Fran Bialy in for the Domestic Violence component as well as other agencies
 - Mental Hygiene is at the table
 - Process & procedures to be established
 - Public awareness media campaign
 - Approved for an APP allowing public to report incidents
 - Key components: Dispatcher training & Mental Health involvement

- Coroner – Bob Williams
 - No overdose deaths
 - One suicide
 - Currently have 2 coroners out leaving 2 available

- Camp Badger - Pat Gillule
 - 50% filled for camp registrations
 - Having two three-day family sessions this year
 - Respite time for parents
 - Registrations filling quickly

- Event Informational
 - Pat brought booklets & informational cards from OMH she picked up at an event.
 - Mental Hygiene will look into ordering for clinic

- Peer Advocacy – Porshea Moore
 - Elected as president of the board for the Open Door Mission
 - ASAP Coalition – information tables at the Mission
 - Spoken with the cab company regarding transportation
 - Porshea has a lot more clients this year
 - Half are engaged in treatment
 - Meeting with them three times
 - Individuals must decide if they want treatment, then commit to it

- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
 - Up to full staff
 - PIT Count Thursday 1/24/24, 5-7am
 - Catholic Charities coordinating
 - Meeting regarding event at 11am (1/18/24)
 - Individuals to be asked circumstances of why they are homeless
 - Handing out blankets
 - Housing is more fragile this year

- Section 8 vouchers are gone
- People calling regarding domestic violence, but they are just looking for a bed
- Receiving \$57,000 of flexible funding vouchers
 - Must be used before the end of 2024
 - Must be domestic violence related
 - Funding can be spent on anything that can help maintain safety & stability
- Broome County Apartment Program
 - Helio received \$40 million for a post-treatment apartment complex
 - 100 beds for people in treatment
 - Staff on site
 - Former Sheltered Workshop Building on Court Street, Binghamton
 - Opening Summer of 2025

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:26am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15th, 2024, at 9:30am.

