

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

Pending Approval

March 3rd, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Via: Hybrid

Member	Katie Wait	Colleen Arnold	Shannon Westbrook
Attendance:	Nadia Constant	Georges Oswald	Kylie Holochak
	Sarah DiNunzio	Anne Seepersaud	Laura Smith
	John Crosby	Karen Warfle	Bob Williams
	Renee Nuzak	Tina Lounsbury	
	Kim Bailey-Poreda	Emily Jackson	
	Tricia Tomm	Gayle Pado	

Guest
Attendance: Keri Nichols

Mental Hygiene
Staff Attendance: Sarah Begeal, Interim Director of Community Services
Danielle Fabregas, Clinical Program Director
Angelica Deyo-Cruz, Corporate Compliance Officer/CSPOA
Porshea Moore, Certified Recovery Peer Advocate
Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director

Meeting called to order at: 9:35am

Topic: Review February 2026 Minutes

- Interim Director's Report – Approved with changes
- MH Subcommittee – Approved as written
- OPWDD Subcommittee – Approved as written
- ASA Subcommittee – January & February – Approved as written

Topic: Interim Director's Report – Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Updates:

- Budget
 - Remains neutral
- RFP
 - Contracts are with the County Attorney
 - Reached out to awardees regarding payment structure
 - Hoping to send contracts out soon
- AOT/EVA (Enhanced Voluntary Agreement)
 - Developing a plan
 - Proposal sent to OMH to fund a full-time position
 - Looking at technology platforms to track more efficiently
 - Proposal to be submitted
 - Brief review of received and future funding
- Mobile Crisis
 - Starting with the adult population

- Working on children's portion

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Clinical Program Director Report – Danielle Fabregas

Discussion: Updates:

- Census
 - Mental Health - 568 clients
 - ADS - 84 clients
- Mobile Crisis
 - Ready to deploy – adults only currently
 - Reaching out to other agencies
- Staff
 - Clinical Social Worker hired
 - Position open in ADS
- All staff training held last week

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: ASA Subcommittee – Kylie Holochak, Chair

Discussion:

CASA Trinity – Laura Smith

- School programs reviewed
- Report forthcoming

ASAP Coalition – Kylie Holochak

- CADCA Leadership Forum – Washington DC
 - Kylie & Porshea attended
 - Brief overview given
- CLYDE Surveys
 - Results are in
 - Meeting with schools in March & April
 - Media release soon
- Drug Take Back
 - Tabling for where drop boxes are; Detera bags given out
- Black Balloon Day 2026
 - Friday March 6th
 - Window clings being given out
 - Virtual black balloon on social media as well

EMS – Bob Williams

- Scott Gurney - New EMS Coordinator
- Open House
 - Holding in the Spring – more information forthcoming
 - All county agencies will be invited to participate

Coroner Report – Bob Williams

- Electronic records system coming
- Hosting the Spring Conference for the Coroners & Medical Examiners of

New York State

- March 20th – 22nd at Tioga Downs

Certified Recovery Peer Advocate – Porshea Moore

- Seeing an uptick in opioid pills with newer clients
- Narcan & testing strips being handed out
- Meth use down
- Doing Teen Intervene Youth Outreach
- Working with Continued Care clients
 - Employment & Education goals

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: MH Subcommittee – Angelica Deyo-Cruz, Chair

Discussion:

A New Hope Center – Sarah DiNunzio

- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month & Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - Chalk the Walk event April 4th – 8th
- Hosting Super Smash Bro's Tournament
 - Partnering with the Boys & Girls Club
 - Tournament at the Boys & Girls Club
 - Registration: Boys & Girls Club & A New Hope Center web pages
- Sexual Assault Awareness
 - Wear Denim Day – April 29th
- A New Hope Center's 40th Anniversary
 - Gala on June 10th at the Elks Club
 - More information to come
 - Looking for sponsors for the program book (ads)
 - Information on website
- Opiate Abatement Funding
 - All staff training by the Family Justice Centers

Rehabilitation Support Services – Colleen Arold

- Currently have 4 positions open
- Housing
 - 2 opening in the CR
 - 2 openings in the TAP program
 - 4 openings in Supported Housing

Public Health – Katie Wait

- CHIP group met with another meeting at the end of next week
 - Updates in April
- Suicide Prevention Coalition
 - QPR training March 4th at the LEPC meeting

Hea Hea – Nadia Constant & Georges Oswald

- Open and treating clients
 - First client & parent meeting last Friday (2/27)

- All clients & parents are motivated for recovery
- Process from the beginning explained briefly
- CSW onboarding
 - Experienced working with the population enrolling
- IOP in the works
- Opioid Prevention & Substance Use
 - In development

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: OPWDD Subcommittee – John Crosby

Discussion: DDSO/DDRO Report – Renee Nuzak

- 8 Tioga County residence referred to eligibility in January 2026
- Currently looking into Karen’s housing issue
 - Housing person was unavailable to meet
 - Information needed from Karen
 - Issue – families not notified of missing information until a denial is received.
 - Lack of communication between applicant & OPWDD
 - Families left out of communication

Karen stated her issue from last month had been resolved.

Achieve – Shannon Westbrook – via email

- Day Hab
 - Two individuals in process who are waiting on paperwork to begin services
 - Three additional referrals under review but program is at capacity currently
- Continued improvements being made on Day Hab space
 - Flooring replaced
 - Environment brighter, cleaner and more welcoming
- State Audit
 - Completed with zero deficiencies
- Participants remain busy in the community
 - Various outings & volunteer opportunities
 - Bowling, art studio classes, park visits, visits to local community centers
- Maintaining strong volunteer partnerships with Waterman’s Conservation Center, The Courier, and the Open Door Mission
 - Providing participants with meaningful roles that support skill building and community engagement
- Shannon overseeing the DHWOW programs in all three counties as well
 - Programming continues to thrive
 - Active referrals in each county
- Staff & participants remain actively engaged in activities that promote independence, confidence and personal growth

FFS Report –Gayle Pado

- Statewide FFS meeting on March 11th
 - Local statewide meeting held virtually the 1st Thursday of the month
 - Meeting format will change to closed starting in June
- RFP in restricted period
- Issues with reimbursement & eligibility
 - Please reach out to Gayle
- Working with OPWDD on a Statewide Directory of Services website

CCO Reports

Pirme Care - Tricia Tomm

- Taking new enrollments
- Working with 75 families in Tioga County
- Fully Staffed
- Working on preventative care with all clients
- Caseload: Average of 30-34 cases per Case Manager

LifePlan – Anne Seepersaud

- All welcome to the Summit March 5th
 - Link will be sent out
- Regional networking event June 11th
 - Open to the community
 - Tabeing welcome
 - Registration link being sent

ST Connects – Emily Jackson

- Few staff openings – Broome/Tioga Supervisor
- Information sessions held
- Updating informational sessions on website

Rackers – Gayle Pado

- Self-direction open – no waiting list
- Racker is looking for a Residential Director
- Events
 - Rackers Racers – March 21st at the Neighborhood Depot in Owego
 - March calendar being sent out
- OMIG Audit
 - First full audit – going well

Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers – not present

Self- Advocate – Karen Warfle

- Wait list for Comm Hab services
 - Looking for length of time for traditional Com Hab

Gayle shared Racker has wait lists in all three counties – approximately 19 in Cortland, 12+ in Tioga and 20 in Tompkins. Not enough staff to serve is the

reason for the wait list.

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Micro-credentialing

- Currently TC3, Corning & BCC offer
- Renee will send information

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Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:26am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7th, 2026, at 9:30am

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