

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

August 21st, 2025

Pending Approval

Via Hybrid

Member Fran Bialy
Attendance: Bob Williams
Tina Lounsbury
Keith Nichols, MD
Bill Standinger, III
Carolyn Galatzan
Christine Schweitzer
Shawn Nalepa

Guests:

Mental Hygiene Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services
Meeting called to order at 9:33am

Category: Meeting Minutes

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

Topic: Director Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Revised Crisis Policy & Procedure
 - Revision to include Mobile Crisis
 - Brief discussion ensued
 - Revision approved unanimously
- Board Membership
 - Tina Lounsbury's term expiring in November
 - Tina has agreed to a second term
 - Larissa Brower will be leaving
 - Her term expires in March 2026
 - Replacement to be discussed
- Staffing
 - Board notified of Dr. Bezirgianian's passing
 - Lousie Henley, CSW started in Owego 7/28/25
 - Katherine Mikulski, Mobile Crisis CSW started 7/28/25
 - Danielle Bellis – School Based CSW resigned effective 8/15/25
 - Clive Ward, CASAC Owego resigned effective 8/15/25
 - Jess Bennett, CSW Owego resigned effective 9/5/25
 - Finding social workers is a huge challenge
 - Everything possible is being done to find new candidates
 - DCS's across the Southern Tier are experiencing the same issues
- Budget

- 2026 budget presented to the Legislative Committee
- Highlights reviewed
- Budget Neutral
- Question to be directed to Lori Morgan

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – Fran Bialy

Discussion: Updates:

- Moment in honor of Dr. Bezirgianian
- A New Hope Center
 - Being hit with significant cuts from the state
 - 2-4 staff (25%) could be cut
 - Cuts will require more of Fran's focus
 - Fran will keep everyone posted
 - Group discussion ensued

Lori shared she has a meeting on September 15th regarding the County's Opiate Abatement Money. Many agencies will benefit from this funding.

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Committee Reports

Discussion: Update:

- Combined Subcommittee meetings are going very well
- People are getting a more complete picture and better understanding of all three committees

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates:

Coroner Report – Bob Williams

- May – one mixed drug death
- June – one from cocaine; the other pending toxicology report
- Coroner's Association Conference
 - Tioga County Hosting
 - Being held at Tioga Downs in March 2026
 - Asking the Suicide Prevention Coalition to table
 - Would like to involve other local organizations as well

TAM Report -Bob Williams

- Meeting next week
- Conference in Albany in October

EMS Report– Bob Williams

- County posting for an EMS Coordinator
 - Job description revised

Dr. Nichols

- Shared an overview of an article he had read regarding new treatments being used for amphetamine disorders. Combining medications such as Wellbutrin & Vivitrol has shown that individuals experience 5x less acute symptoms during the withdrawal state. He also noted that amphetamine addiction is very hard to treat. Group found the information very interesting.
- Hea Hea
 - Updates shared by Dr. Nichols & Lori Mogan

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:34am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18th, 2025, at 9:30am.