

**TIOGA COUNTY  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**9:30am**

**Via: Hybrid**

- I. Review and Approval of March 2026 Minutes**
  
- II. Interim Director's Report – Sarah Begeal**
  
- III. Chair's Report**
  
- IV. Committee Reports**
  
- V. Unfinished Business**
  
- VI. New Business**
  
- VII. Adjournment**

**Acronym List 2-19-26**

**STR – State Targeted Response Grant**  
**BHCC – Behavioral Health Care Consortium**  
**SUD – Substance Use Disorder**  
**DFC – Drug Free Communities Grant**  
**RPC – Regional Planning Consortium**  
**RFP – Request for Proposal**  
**PAR – Prior Approval Review**  
**IPA – Independent Practice Association**  
**RHIO – Regional Health Information Organization**  
**MAT – Medical Assisted Treatment**  
**LEPC- Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
**COAD- Community Organization Active in Disaster**  
**IOCC – Inter-Office Coordinating Council**  
**AOT – Assisted Outpatient Treatment**  
**EVA – Enhanced Voluntary Agreement**

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Pending Approval**

Via Hybrid

Member Fran Bialy  
Attendance: Tina Lounsbury  
Keith Nichols, MD  
Porshea Moore  
Bob Williams  
Christine Schweitzer  
Carolyn Galatzan  
William Standing, III

Guests: Casey O'Reilly, OPWDD

Mental Sarah Begeal, Interim Director of Community Services  
Hygiene Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services  
Attendance:

Meeting called to order at 9:34am

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Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from February 2026 – Approved with changes

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Topic: Executive Session

Discussion: Group entered executive session at 9:35am. Regular meeting resumed at 9:43am

Status: Complete

Topic: Director Report – Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Updates:

- Resolution passed for Carolyn's reappointment to the board for an additional term
- Resolution passed for the Jail Social Worker
- The clinic had a very successful OMH monitoring visit
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month
  - Proclamation being presented to the Legislature
  - Requesting for the courthouse to be lit in green for May
    - Sarah to coordinate
  - Advertise Mobile Crisis Program via ads and billboards
- Shawn Nalepa's term ends May 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Tina made a motion to an additional term
  - Porshea seconded
  - All approved Shawn serving another term
  - Resolution to be presented to the Legislature upon Shawn's approval to serve

- Staff
  - Rebecka Deretz, Sr. CSW (school based) starting 3/23 for Tioga Central Schools
  - Lorrie Woloszyn, LMSW starting 4/1/26 – Jail Social Worker
  - Open positions are almost full
  - Peer Specialist will be a tough fill

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – Fran Bialy

Discussion: Updates:

- Discussion ensued regarding Colleen Arnold’s board membership
  - Board membership process reviewed
  - The board agreed on the importance of RSS representation
  - Fran to call Colleen
- Board re-education
  - Board to review sections 2-4 in April
  - Board to receive revised documents when updates occur
- Subcommittee Reports
  - Mental Health
    - Articles submitted to Pennysaver in January & February by Sarah DiNunzio
    - Porshea submitting an article in April & October
    - May’s article for Mental Health Awareness month will be submitted

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: New Business

Discussion: EMS – Bob Williams

- Open House to be held in May – date to be determined

TAM – Bob Williams

- In person stakeholder meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Review accomplishments
  - State looking for more outreach
  - Currently have two open active cases
  - 1–3-day course planned in May

Coroner – Bob Williams

- Statewide Coroner’s Conference at Tioga Downs this weekend
  - Friday – Coroner 101 Training
  - Saturday – Peripheral Coroner Task Issues
    - Focus will be on Mental Health
  - Sunday – Case studies – mass fatalities
  - Many speakers & presenters
  - 100+ expected to attend
  - Katie Mikulski from the L.O.S.T. Team will be presenting and tabling at the conference

- L.O.S.T. team is part of the Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Automated Records
  - Coroner's office going to automated records
  - Training has started
  - Going live in May

**Certified Recovery Peer Advocate – Porshea Moore**

- Tabling various events
- Writing articles and posting on Facebook if they didn't make the Pennysaver
- Participated in Black Balloon Day
- Client Satisfaction Surveys
  - Finding the surveys have opened door for what individuals need
- Homeless Backpack Program
  - Supplies donated by Fairview Recovery Services
  - Backpacks have warming supplies, HBA products and a resource guide Porshea developed
  - 33 backpacks have been given out to date
- January's P.I.T. Count
  - Count of unhoused individuals
  - Numbers are higher than the previous years

The board had a general discussion regarding the Renewal Ranch and community concerns.

**OPWDD – Casey O'Reilly**

- 2026 focusing on servicing, sustainability & equity
- Website updated
  - Family resources – more user friendly
  - Housing page – more resources
  - Employment page updated
  - Front Door – updated language

**A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy**

- 40 Year Gala June 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Invites going out in April
- Working on a proposal for primary funding due Monday

**Dr. Nichols**

- Crime Victims Compensation Claims
  - Form & training discussed
  - Process reviewed
  - Pays medical benefits crime victims for life
  - Advertising is needed to ensure victims are aware of this benefit
  - Promote to ensure providers are aware as well

**Status:** Informational – Complete

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:09am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 9:30am.