TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

October 15th, 2026

APPROVED

Via Hybrid

Members Present:	Tina Lounsbury Pat Gillule Porshea Moore William Standinger, III Bob Williams Carolyn Galatzan Keith Nichols, MD Kristine Maslin
Members Excused	Christine Schweitzer Fran Bialy Shawn Nalepa
Members Absent:	
Mental Hygiene Present:	Sarah Begeal, Director of Community Services Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director of Community Services

Meeting called to order at 9:35am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of the September 2026 Minutes – motion to approve – Kristine Maslin 2nd Carolyn Galatzan, approved as written

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Topic: Director Report – Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Updates:

- Budget
  - 2026 continues to track well except for Criminal Psych
    - Brief discussion ensued regarding the current status
- Resolutions
  - Contingency transfer request for Criminal Psych expense
  - Reclassify CSW to Sr. CSW
    - Kirsten VanSlyke being promoted allowing her to supervise
- Staff
  - Emily Parsons, former intern, started as a CSW on 10/5/26
- Subcommittee Separation
  - Smaller group discussion
  - More productive
  - LSP Goals will be highlighted on each subcommittee's agendas
  - All three meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month

    - OPWDD Subcommittee at 9:30
    - MH Subcommittee at 10:30
    - ASA Subcommittee at 1:00pm
    - Each Subcommittee should have three CSB members in attendance
- AOT position offered
    - Individual is in the background check process
- Today is Wear Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Committee Reports – Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Highlights:

- Mental Health Subcommittee
    - LSP Goals
        - Increase Workforce
        - Increase Affordable Housing
        - Access to Transportation
        - Increase Prevention Services
        - Residential Treatment
    - Seeking one consumer of Mental Health Services and two family/relative of a consumer for membership
        - Pat Gillule is willing to serve
    - Porshea writing an article for the Pennysaver for Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- ASA Subcommittee
    - LSP Goals
        - Increase Workforce
        - Increase Affordable Housing
        - Access to Transportation
        - Increase Prevention Services
        - Residential Treatment
    - Question raised in Subcommittee regarding Family Drug Court
        - Exploring if it would be beneficial for Tioga County
    - Subcommittee has membership openings
        - Reaching out to Probation & Law Enforcement
- OPWDD Subcommittee
    - LSP Goals
        - Increase Workforce
        - Increase Affordable Housing
        - Access to Transportation
        - Crisis System
        - Residential Treatment
        - Transitional Age Services
        - Non-clinical Supports
    - Obtaining information regarding Tioga County is proving difficult
        - DDRO cannot give out county specific data
        - Brief discussion ensued

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Unfinished Business

Discussion: Updates:

- By-Laws still in process
- Additional meeting to be scheduled

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Other Discussion: Camp Badger – Pat Gillule

- In June the US Department of State issued changes regarding international employment
- Any international staff member can no longer supervise anyone over the age of 20
- 70-80% of Camp Badger's workers are from other countries
- Pat does have some international workers coming back to instruct students but not supervise
- The Camp seeking more American applications
- Applications are on the website
- A lot of brainstorming taking place regarding program creation within the United States
- May extend camp two additional weeks to grow the youth program (ages 6-17)
- More information to come

EMS – Bob Williams

- TAM meeting monthly
- LAPC meeting on 11/4
    - Representative from the Department of Agriculture speaking
- COAD becoming the subcommittee of the LAPC

Coroner Report – Bob Williams

- 3-year-old kicked to death by a horse on 10/9
- Children's cases are up this year
- Suicides are slightly up from last year

Rehabilitation Support Services – Kristine Maslin

- All CR beds are full with a wait list
- Currently connecting individuals with Medicare/Medicaid Dual Plans due to the changes coming down
    - Outreaching with clients to get them set up
    - Navigator in the RSS office twice a week
    - Some insurance companies providing a "debit" card to help pay for food, utilities, etc.

Certified Recovery Peer Specialist – Porshea Moore

- OD Vigil held on 10/13
    - Very well attended
    - A lot of re-occurring families
    - NARCAN kits distributed
- Open Door Mission closed the men's unit earlier this year
    - History reviewed
    - Looking into revamping the program to include supervision

- Mission funds the program
- Dorm Coalition started with the goal of re-opening before it gets cold
- Discussion ensued

Legislator – William Standinger, III

- Resolutions presented to the Legislature passed
- Coalitions appear to be working well together

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Galatzan, Bob Williams 2nd. The meeting adjourned at 10:33am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th, 2026, at 9:30am.