

# **TIOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

## **ASA Subcommittee Meeting**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**9:30-10:30am**

- **Review and approve September 2026 meeting minutes**
- **Director's Report**
- **Supervising Clinical Social Worker Report**
- **ASA Report - Kylie Holochak, Chair**
  - **Trinity Report**
  - **ASAP Coalition Report**
  - **Coroner/EMS Report**
  - **Sheriff's Office Report**
- **Additional Group Discussion**
- **Adjournment**

*Next meeting: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

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## MH – ASA – OPWDD Subcommittee Meeting

Pending Approval

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Via: Hybrid

### Mental Hygiene Staff Attendance:

Sarah Begeal, Director of Community Services  
Danielle Fabregas, Clinical Program Director  
Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director

Porshea Moore, Certified Recovery Peer Advocate  
Angela Hays, MH Intern

### MH Members Present

Tina Lounsbury  
Sarah DiNunzio – via Zoom  
Katie Wait  
Nadia Constant – via Zoom  
Kristine Maslin  
Porshea Moore

### ASA Members Present

Bob Williams  
Porshea Moore

### OPWDD Members Present

Tina Lounsbury  
John Crosby  
Renee Nuzak – via Zoom  
Gabiella Ayres-via Zoom  
Karen Warfle – via Zoom

### Absent:

Carolyn Galatzan

### Absent:

William Standinge, III  
Kylie Holochak - excused  
Erica Robinson

### Absent:

Gayle Pado - excused  
William Standing, III  
Shannon Westbrook - excused  
Christine Schweitzer

### Guests:

Kari Nichols  
Georges Oswald

### Guests:

Jessica Fierro  
Kristine Russell for Kylie Holochak

### Guests:

Kim Bailey-Poreda  
Tricia Tamm

Meeting called to order at 9:34am

Topic: Review of the June 2026 Minutes

- MH Subcommittee – motion to approve - Tina Lounsbury, 2<sup>nd</sup> Katie Wait, approved as written
- ASA – motion to approve – Porshea Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kristin Russell, approved as written
- OPWDD – motion to approve – Tina Lounsbury, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Crosby, approve as written

Topic: Director's Report – Sarah Begeal

Discussion:

- Budget
  - Trending well except Criminal Psych is over for 2026
  - Legislation on Governors desk regarding 730 competency restoration
  - Currently have one admitted individual at approximately \$40,000 per month

- Staffing
  - Anna Walter started 8/24/26 = Supervising Clinical Social Worker
  - Riley Lenetsky starting 9/21/26 – Clinical Social Worker
  - Three interns
    - Matthew McDoanld – MH
    - Zainab Sheikh – School-based
    - Candon Westervelt – School-based
- Safety Training
  - Disaster Mental Health training held 8/25 – 8/26/26
    - Staff certified as a Mental Health Disaster Team
- LSP (Local Service Plan)
  - Plan submitted; approved in July
  - Full plan development next year
- AOT Program
  - New manual created and plan approved
  - Resolution in September to hire an AOT Coordinator
  - Huge increase in AOTs from previous years
    - July & August – 3 new, 2 pending and 1 in EVA
  - BGH screening everyone coming in
- OASAS Name Change for 822 clinics
  - Outpatient Services with OTP (Opioid Treatment Program)
  - OPT must carry Methadone
  - Clinic currently does Suboxone
  - Not seeing a lot of need in Tioga County for Methadone
- Children's SPOA
  - Receiving new money for the Children's SPOA program
  - New list of work scopes created
  - May need to dedicate 1 FTE (full-time employee)
- Medicaid Changes
  - Recertifications every 6 months instead of annually
  - Look back payments 30 days instead of 90 days
  - Payments could be affected
- Affordable Housing Coalition
  - Liz Myers, Commissioner of DSS created coalition
  - Please contact her if interested in being involved
- Subcommittee Separation
  - Goal is for better attendance & discussion
  - Meeting schedule starting in October
    - OPWDD Subcommittee – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9:30am
    - MH Subcommittee – 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30am
    - ASA Subcommittee – 1st Wednesday of the month at 9:30am
  - Subcommittees to meet as a large group for LSP Planning
  - All participants are encouraged to attend in person

## Topic: Clinical Program Director's Report – Danielle Fabregas

### Updates:

- Census
  - MH – 600 admitted clients
  - ADS – 138 admitted clients
- Social Worker moving to CAC position
- Nearly at full staff
- Seeking a Peer

Status: Informational – Complete

### Topic: Subcommittee Reports

### Discussion:

- OPWDD

#### DDSO/DDRO

- Renee Nuzak shared updates regarding Medicare/Medicaid
- Willow Brook Center for Learning opening summer of 2028
- Accessing Life Podcasts – 16 podcasts available
- Front Door is busy
  - John Crosby requested the numbers relevant to Tioga County for the Front Door
  - Renee to provide a link to the data

#### Achieve (via email)

- 23 individuals enrolled at Tioga Day Hab – Maximum 20/day
- Day Hab Without Walls has 12 individuals enrolled -additional 4 in process
- Referrals being accepted
- Celebrating unification with Madison & Cortland ARC on 9/1/26 at Norwich location

#### FFS Report

- No meetings in July or August
- Meeting this Thursday (9/3/26)

#### CCO Reports

- Tricia from Prime Care – all care managers are back to school
- Looking to do flu shots & education
- 1 opening for a Care Manager position
- No new enrollments for Tioga County

#### Catholic Charities

- Gabby Ayres reported they are focusing on referrals for Supported Employment & Prevoc Services in Tioga County
  - Currently have 3 individuals for Supported Employment with another onboarding soon
- Working with WEBO to produce a video that should be posted soon

### Self-Advocacy

- Karen Warfle & son attended Racker Day in the Park (Ithaca) – great event
- Attending a D3 event on 9/26/26 (DBL, Dream & Do Organization) at Corning Community College
- Action Club has an event today at noon at Hickories for new officer installation

*John Crosby requested for all participants in the subcommittees attend in person starting in October.*

### • ASA

#### ASAP Report

- Kristin Russell reported the CARA Grant has ended
  - They have reapplied but no word yet
- Adding school meetings and action planning for 2027
- In year 9 of the DFC Grant
  - Sector Reps almost filled – waiting for two people
- In year 4 of the STOP ACT Grant (last year)
  - Looking to reapply
- Summer Family Friendly Events successful
  - Movie nights
  - 30 family packs of tickets for the Tioga County Fair given away
  - Over 400 surveys completed at events
- Youth Advisory Council (youth lead) being developed
- OD Vigil was postponed due to weather. Looking to reschedule

#### CASA-Trinity

- Jessica Fierro present representing Trinity
- The Owego office has moved to Elmira
- Two school employees are still with Trinity
  - Josh is in the Waverly Schools
  - Kim is in the Spencer Van Etten Schools
- Intervention in Tioga Central Schools done
- New programming being introduced in schools
- 17 Teen Intervenes done across various schools
- Blues Program (more Mental Health skills based) will be in Spencer Schools

#### Coroner/EMS

- Bob Williams reported Will Ellis will be the EMS contact until Corrine returns
- EMS classes have started
- LEPC meeting was co-chaired by Public Health
  - Representatives from the DEC & National Weather Service presented
- TAM trainings will include both Broome & Tioga Counties
- Coroner Report – 3 overdose deaths through June

- One was a Morphine & Fentanyl combination
- Mental Health

#### A New Hope Center

- Sarah DiNunzio reported the Domestic Violence Shelter is full (9 beds)
- Primary source of funding is through the NYS Office of Victim Services
  - Funding is competitive
  - Funding decisions are all application based
  - Tioga County did not receive increased funding but had no major cuts
  - Broome County had a 70% cut
- A New Hope Center currently has an Intern from Binghamton University
- Safe Harbor – currently gearing up for school groups
  - Grade level education & programs
    - Spencer VanEtten, Newark Valley, Candor
- Safe Harbor Team met in August and is looking for more partners including youth representation
- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month – information forthcoming
- Open House for A New Hope Center's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026
  - 20 Church Street from 4:00-7:00pm
  - Chance to win an overnight stay at Belva Lockwood

#### Rehabilitation Support Services (via email)

- Front Street CR is full (10 beds) with 5 individuals on a waiting list
- Tioga Apartment Program is full (9 beds) with one visitor starting 9/1/26
- Tioga Supported Housing has 21 of the 22 beds full
- Megan Zobel hired to manage the Apartment Program & Supported Housing starting 9/7/26
- Social Club and Drop-in Center welcoming referrals

#### Public Health

- Katie Wait shared the Suicide Prevention Coalition applied for a capacity grant
  - Suicide safety planning for schools
  - Access to Lethal Means
- Race Dedication Night at Tioga Downs this Saturday 9/5/26

#### Hea Hea

- Nadia Constant & Georg Oswald reported having 6 patients from February – June
- Numerous struggles have forced them to close for now
- Current situation is not sustainable
- Looking into various alternate cash flow opportunities
- Looking forward to serving patients in some capacity.

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:16am.

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