

STEBEN COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

3:00 p.m.

Community Services building 115 Liberty -first floor Room H

Minutes

Present:

Lynn Gramley, DCS
Auralee Jefferds, Deputy DCS
Matthew Marmor, Interim Director of Public Health
Kathryn Muller, Commissioner of Social Services
Cora Saxton, Way/Co School; community
Mike Damiano, Director of ARC of Allegany/Steuben
Jamie Kennedy, Community

Other:

Lauren Mault, Steuben Prevention Coalition
Connie Terry, Steuben Prevention Coalition
Tatiana Zentz, Casa-Trinity

Absent:

Dr. Robert Cole, Coroner
Gabe Smalt, Director of Office for Aging
Gina Reagan, Catholic Charities
Mark Alger, Community

- I. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting called to order by Ms. Gramley at 3:01 pm.**
- II. MINUTES - Motion** to approve minutes from [10/14/2025](#) and [12/09/2025](#) by Mr. Marmor, second by Ms. Kennedy, all in favor. Carries.
- III. GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - A. Report from Clarity on HBCI services
 - a. Pat Grimmer, with Clarity discussed with the committee their HBCI program. The HBCI program covers Allegany, Steuben and Livingston counties. It is for children and teens that are at immediate risk of out-of-home placement. Clarity works with the families for 4-6 weeks to give families and children the tools they need to remain safely in the home and community. They meet daily with the family if possible but at least twice a week. Clarity will first develop a safety plan and risk assessment. They work with the youth on direct skills, managing routine, boundaries and connecting to other programs to maintain progress. There is a 30 day follow up window after discharge. Clarity has a 24-hour crisis hotline and on-call workers. There are funds to help youth with coping skills and activities such as music/dance lessons or gym memberships. The goal is to empower the family with their own skill sets by helping with better insight, strategies, less emotional responses and rely on providers. Referrals can be made by SPOA or direct referrals through the website. They do have HBCI waivers for non-Medicaid children. The program is free to the families.
 - b. Total caseloads in 2023 were 44, 2024 were 45 (19 from Steuben County), and 2025 were 47 (20 from Steuben County). They can assist youth ages 18-21. They are more infrequent as the youth must agree to the program as well as the parents. Youth that are less than 18 years of age only need parents to agree. The number of youths between ages 18-21 in 2023 were 0, 2024 was 1 and 2025 were 3. The average length of time with the families in 2023 was 49 days, 2024 was 48 days and 2025 was 47 days. Some cases can be extended. In 2025, 109 referrals were received. The number of direct contacts in 2023 was 636, 2024 were 1136 and 2025 were 1285. The number of indirect contacts in 2023 was 238, 2024 were 361 and in 2025 were 541. The average length from the time a referral was received to first time visiting with the family is on average 8 days. Clarity would like to improve to 48 hours.
 - B. Updates from SCCS and the LGU
 - a. SCCS updates
 - i. The PROS program has doubled in size and is up to 57 participants. Ms. Gramley and Ms. Jefferds are working with BC/BS for funding for another van for PROS to allow

participants from more areas of the county. Community Services has increased staff at the jail 3 days a week. The prescribers are stable. Dr. Neerukonda is looking to possible retire. They are seeking to contract for psychiatry time to accommodate 730 and AOT evaluations. Ruth Van Wie, after hour crisis worker for the county for 40 years, is retiring the end of March. They are working with 988 to assist with after-hours calls. There are several openings for a child and youth therapist in the Corning Clinic. The staff will be covering via telehealth until the positions are filled. They have increased the salary for the contract position to accommodate the specialty field of C&Y work and rarity of recruitment. Carli Clark, a peer with SCASAS will be assisting with the OD mapping and following up after overdose. There is another round of loan forgiveness to assist with recruitment.

b. LGU updates

- i.** Ms. Gramley is working on the local services plan. If you see needs for the community let Ms. Gramley know. There is new AOT mandates with funding from the State. There must be a full-time AOT worker and EVA, enhanced violation agreements, are now expected - which are pre-AOT court-mandated treatment plans. Ms. Gramley and Ms. Jefferds are focusing on grants to help fill needs in the community. SPOA is being reorganized per State mandate, akin to ICM/SCM models that are more useful to families. Ms. Gramley discussed option for open spending for the Opioid funds for possible special projects and unique ideas by having an open application process, along with an RFP process.

C. Updates from Board members

- a.** Ms. Saxton reports that she is working part-time at Arkport Elementary School.
- b.** Arc of Allegany and Steuben
 - i.** Mr. Domiano reports that they have 13 vacant beds. Staff are stable. They have submitted a letter of intent on a new building on 7 acres. The building will contain 4 single room apartments with bathrooms and a 4-bedroom suite with a common space. Time frame is about 2 years.
- c.** Prevention Coalition
 - i.** Ms. Mault reports there are 2 staff in Avoca for preventative services
 - ii.** Ms. Terry reports the county is trending high on ODs so far this year. There have been 47 this year with 4 fatalities. Of the 4 fatalities, 2 were heroin, 1 was prescription pill and 1 is unknown. They all received Narcan. 17 people at Bridges to Hope were trained in Narcan. The Caton Fire Department had 12 people trained and they will go back in March to train more. Some students in Avoca school will be trained in Narcan. Black Balloon Day is March 6th. They will not have an in-person event but will have social media campaign. Ms. Terry is working on a medication lock box that is easy for seniors to use but still able to keep medications locked up.
- d.** Public Health Nursing
 - i.** Mr. Marmor is working on updating laws to allow the access of information for the OD mapping.
- e.** Casa Trinity
 - i.** Ms. Zentz reported on the opening of a methadone clinic at 86 River Street in Hornell. 11 people have been admitted and expecting internal transfers of clients from their other clinics that reside in Steuben County. There will be an open house March 9 2-4pm. Parking is limited.
- f.** Social Services
 - i.** Ms. Muller reports there is an overwhelming number of homeless clients. The warming center opened in December. They are down lots of staff within the department and are actively interviewing.

D. Local Services Plan 2026

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

V. NEXT MEETING: April 7, 2026 at 3:00 pm: SCCS First Floor

VI. ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm by Ms. Gramley.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amanda Jo Gleason-Seager, Principal Clerk