

**Tioga County Department of Human Services
Advisory Board
April 30, 2025
9:30 a.m.**

Attendance: Amy Coates, William Dinger, Margaret Dunning-Smith, David Kale, Commissioner Shane Nickerson, Mellissa Parsons, Commissioner Marc Rice, Sara Rice, Hazel Smith, Sue Sticklin, Commissioner Sam Vanloon, Ashley Wagner, Tiffani Warner, Tonya Wilkinson

Remote Attendance: Edlynn Flannery, Judith Hershel, Antonia Whittle

Call to Order: Sara called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

2025/2026 Human Services and Supports Proposals:

“The Tioga County Department of Human Services Advisory Board will facilitate the Public Hearing regarding the 2025/2026 Human Services Plan from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. The purpose of these hearings is to inform the public and solicit stakeholder input. During the Public Hearings any member of the public is invited to provide testimony, verbally or in writing, regarding the plan.”

The Contract Management Unit has received the following proposals through Human Services and Supports from the Human Services Block Grant.

- Area Agency on Aging/Meals on Wheels (20,000.00)
- Area Agency on Aging/Emergency Services (2,000.00)
- Family Services Association of NEPA/Helpline (7,500.00)
- Partners in Progress Inc./Camp Partners-Transportation (8,280.00)
- Tioga County Partnership for Community Health/Resource Directory (7,000.00)
- TREHAB/Housing Services (5,000.00)
- Wellspring Community Support Services/Mobile Social Rehabilitation Program (33,806.44)

Each provider has the opportunity today to present their proposals to the County Commissioners.

Area Agency on Aging is requesting \$20,000.00 for the Meals on Wheels program. This program serves hot and cold nutritious meals 5 days per week to the elderly in their homes ages 60+ delivered to their homes. We begin by doing an assessment to set them up and establish their need with quarterly check-ins.

We also are requesting \$2,000 for emergency services that could be applied to fuel for heating, furnace repairs, electric shutoff's, broken/frozen pipes, or hot water replacements. We use other funding first, like LIHEAP to cover any of these types of expenses.

David Kale from Family Services of Northeastern PA Helpline is requesting \$7,500.00 for their PA211 program. This is a free informational and referral service that is available on several different platforms, which is utilized daily in rural counties due to transportation issues. Tioga County has seen an increase in use of the online platform rather than calling in.

Partners In Progress is requesting \$8,280.00 for their Camp Partners program. During camp there is swimming, crafts, games, Fit For Life program, music therapy, academics, and art classes for school-aged youth. This is a very active camp. The amount we are requesting is for transportation. We transport individuals to and from Wellsboro to our location in Mansfield and

then to the pool. We have had to cap enrollment at 50 campers per day due to the space we have, which is the Methodist Church in Mansfield. Camp begins one week after school gets out and ends the week before school begins.

Sue Sticklin from the Tioga County Partnership states they are requesting funds in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the comprehensive resource directory that includes an online searchable database and app. The app is called Discover Tioga and is specific to Tioga County. We've partnered with Develop Tioga for this app and the amount being requested would support on-going maintenance of this directory.

Trehab is requesting \$5,000 to help support staff salaries. Trehab services include utility assistance, weatherization programs, case management for the underemployed and unemployed, food banks, HUD, and housing assistance. Last fiscal year, we have served 231 households which has helped 517 individuals that avoided shut-off's with their utilities.

Wellspring is requesting \$33,806.44 to help support a Mobile Social Rehabilitation Program. We have found individuals are having difficulty attending our Social Rehabilitation Program due to transportation issues. We would like to take this program out to those communities who are underserved- Westfield, Elkland, Liberty, and Millerton. Wellspring provides support and services to those that have mental health illnesses age 18+. The drop-in location is in Mansfield.

Commissioner Sam Vanloon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sara seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara J. Rice". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sara J. Rice
Administrator of TCDHS