

Joint Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Subcommittee
March 27, 2026

Present: Dana Osborne, Brandy Richards, Amber Beaudet, Jason McLaughlin, Darlene Hafner, Kim Collier, Sue Mowrey, Stephanie Raney, Jignasha Shah, Sharon Figler, Belinda Bradley, Shawn Sabella, Allison Reynolds, Dana Smith, David Haugen, Keith Stack

Staff: Robert York, Crystal Lawrence, Tom Barber

Agenda Item		Action
Introductions:	Introductions were made and the meeting began at 10:00am.	N/A
Presentation: Warren and Washington Counties Threat Assessment & Management Team; Threat Assessment Training for Clinicians – April 27th (closed); Targeted Violence 101 training for clinicians – April 1st (open)	TAM teams are multi-disciplinary teams that bring together law enforcement, mental health professionals, school officials, and other community stakeholders to identify, assess and manage threats of targeted violence. 2 Clinicians from BHSN are currently being trained. Conifer Park is starting training. Scheduled trainings; April 27th (closed); Targeted Violence 101 training for clinicians – April 1st (open).	
Federal actions and local impacts	R. York discussed the Healthcare Coalition for the North Country and the work they are doing. More information can be found at their website: northcountrymedicaid.org. Agencies are requested to keep him informed of any funding reductions or impacts to local programs. Wait House is experiencing a loss of funds to the Family Opportunities Center; they are still open and making changes due to housing funding cuts.	
Opioid Settlement Funds	R. York provided a table of the nineteen opioid settlement fund proposals that were received across the two counties. The amount of funding requested is approximately twice as much as is available. Disbursements have begun in Warren County with only one contract pending. Washington County still needs to develop the contracts in order to make the disbursements. Keith Stack informed the group that his funding is no longer needed as he used State OPIOID funds for CASAC training from CBHN (flyer attached). A. Beaudet stated referrals have been coming to LEAMHRS and Outreach in since November of 2025.	

Joint Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Subcommittee
March 27, 2026

Agenda Item		Action
Informational items: First Responder Wellness Week (3/23-27) – Training/Resources	R. York provided in the packet flyers and links regarding the First Responder Wellness Week (3/23-27) – Training/Resources.	
Disaster Mental Health Responder Training – June 9th & 10th, Albany	R. York provided in the packet flyers and links regarding Disaster Mental Health Responder Training – June 9th & 10th, Albany.	
NYS 2026-27 Budget updates	R. York stated that they are still in negotiations and he will provide the update as soon as it is released.	
Informational items continued: Conifer Park updates	D. Osborne stated that renovations are underway. They are still working on the Adolescent Program, funding for Methadone and mobile medication. They are also working on their policies and procedures and applying for new licensure.	
2027 Local Services Planning process/timeline	T. Barber will be attending a Zoom meeting in April for more guidance. We are in our last year of a 4-year cycle, the plan is due in June, more to come.	
Development of High Needs Meeting/NYS OMH ABLE initiative	R. York discussed plans for initiation of a high-needs meeting this year. K. Collier provided an overview of the OMH Diversion Center and the OMH ABLE program, which stands for Aligning to Build Lasting Engagement. The ABLE program is offering technical assistance and data support that may be of assistance to the Warren and Washington high-needs committee meeting currently under development.	
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) initiative	The CIT training was conducted in Washington County in October, 2025. Twelve officers were trained. Eight from Washington County Sheriff's Office and four from the Glens Falls Police Department. A Committee was formed and continues to have follow-up quarterly meetings with their focus on the First Responder community.	
NYS OMH Hospital and Community Connections – January 28th	Kickoff started January 28th at the Warren County Municipal Center with over 70 in attendance. This is for the transition both in and out of the Hospital to find gaps. Ongoing meetings are being held.	
Court-Based Mental Health Navigators	R. York stated the CSB has approved award of \$103,973 to ASCEND Mental Wellness for a Case Manager in Warren County and \$87,947 to People USA for a Peer Specialist in Washington County.	
Chalk the Walk 2026 – Wednesday, May 27th, 10a-1p, GF City Park	A. Reynolds added they provide chalk to the area schools and encourage participation.	

Joint Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Subcommittee
March 27, 2026

Agenda Item		Action
Agency updates: Council for Prevention ASCEND MW Washington County OFA/NY Connects Warren County Public Health GF Police Wait House Additional Information: BHSN	A. Reynolds informed the group of a contract with OMH for a Teen mental health first aid program and an Adult mental health first aid program and non-medical transportation. (flyers attached) R. York included in the packets a flyer for Internships; contact Amber Beaudet or Brandy Richards. Interview for the Court based navigator position have started. They are working with HHHN for a mobile Dental service with ESC in June. S. Raney alerted the group to Medical bracelets and pendants free of charge to 60+ years are available. The LTCC meeting will be held June 4th in Hamilton County with a virtual option with Homeland Security as the presenter. She also spoke of a free Medical clinic in Schuylerville April 11-12 at the School. Narcan Training and Kits are available. R. York included a mental wellness BINGO challenge. D. Durkee is in process of gathering 988 promotional items. J. Shah provided the Warren County Health Assessment & Improvement plan for 2025-2030; items of interest are highlighted in BLUE. D. Hafner said the LEAD Team has been meeting and developing changes. An RFP will be published for a project manager. J. McLaughlin spoke of the EASTER EGG HUNT this weekend at City Park from 3p-4p with 5000 eggs to be found. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month; April 1st WEAR BLUE, April 10th Walk at 1pm at City Park. The Family Shelter is starting renovations med spring due to open late 2026. Wait House has partnered with Vanderheyden for Peer Specialist licensing. S. Sabella informed the group that the Children's Health Home Care Management will be discontinued in May due to lack of referrals; currently they have 2 Warren and 5 Washington clients who are being supported through CCBHC and will be transitioning to the other surrounding Health Homes through CHUNY.	

Joint Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Subcommittee
March 27, 2026

Agenda Item		Action
Adjournment and Next Meeting	<i>The next meeting of the Mental Health & Addiction Services and Recovery Subcommittees of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for <u>Friday, June 26, 2026 10a-11:30a.</u></i>	N/A
Warren/Washington Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting		
Out of the Darkness Walk, SUNY ADK, Saturday April 25th, 10a Warren/Washington 988 call data VITA Health Suicide Prevention program – youth/young adults 988 Awareness Campaign Information/resource sharing	R. York provided the flyer in the packet. R. York provided the VITA flyer in the packet. The group continued to discuss promotion of 988 in the counties and various resources available to assist in this effort. R. York inquired if funding could be identified, if the Council for Prevention might be able to assist with creating a billboard campaign, as they have previous experience with this. Resources/Toolkits available: https://www.preventsuicideny.org/resources-request/ 988 Partner Toolkit https://www.samhsa.gov/mental-health/988/partner-toolkit Washington County Office for Aging and Disabilities Resource Center continues to promote 988 ads in their Community Connections newspaper, which reaches over 20,000 individuals in Washington County.	
Adjournment and Next Meeting	<i>The next meeting of the Warren/Washington Counties Suicide Prevention Coalition is scheduled for <u>Friday, June 26, 2026 11:30a-12noon.</u></i>	N/A

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Lawrence, Secretary to the Boards