

Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties
Warren County Community Services Board
Washington County Community Services Board
May 14, 2026

Warren County

Present: Kim Brayton-Chair, Nina Mastrianni, Belinda Bradley, Sharon Figler, Sue McManus

Excused: Holly Irion-Vice Chair, Cindy Wasson, Greg Canale

Washington County

Present: Heather Adams-Wendell-Chair, Sue Mowrey-Vice Chair, Lt. Kristen Hardy, Tina McDougall, Jen Hogan, Adele Potter, Duane Vaughn

Excused: Rebecca Evansky

Staff: Rob York, Crystal Lawrence, Linda Wright, Tracy Terry, Harry Carlson

Guests: Michael Barbarulo, Jennifer DiTullio, Kati Jock, Mindy Wilson, April Boucher, Keith Stack, Meghan Lynch

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
Regular Meeting – Call to Order	A quorum was confirmed for both Warren and Washington County and the May 14, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards was convened.	Kim Brayton, Chair and Heather Adams-Wendell, Chair conducted the meeting.
Meeting Minutes	Minutes of the April 16, 2026 joint Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval. Minutes of the March 12, 2026 joint Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval. Minutes of the April 16, 2026 joint Regular Meeting of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards were presented for approval.	Warren Co Motion: N. Mastrianni Second: B. Bradley Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote Washington Co Motion: J. Hogan Second: A. Potter Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
Presentation: Addiction's Care Center of Albany Keith Stack, CEO; Meghan Lynch, Regional Director of Residential Programs; Michael Barbarulo, Director of Training	Michael Barbarulo, Director of Training for ACCA, joined via Zoom, and reviewed ACCA's approval as a provider of the 350-hour CASAC Initial Standardized Curriculum, offering a structured, one-year training program that fulfills the educational requirements for eligibility for a CASAC-T (Trainee) Certificate in New York State. Classes are held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:00–9:00 PM, allowing participants to complete required coursework while balancing work and other responsibilities via in-person, virtual or a hybrid model. The program is organized into four required sections covering the scientific foundations of substance use and co-occurring disorders; clinical counseling practices; assessment and treatment planning; and professional, ethical, and legal responsibilities. All coursework is NYS OASAS–approved and delivered by a multidisciplinary team of experienced healthcare and addiction professionals, with instruction	

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Presentation continued: Addiction's Care Center of Albany CWI and Citizen's Advocates, Inc. – Formal Affiliation	emphasizing applied learning through interactive lectures, discussions, assignments, and assessments. Email Michael at: Mbarbarulo@theacca.net. Or visit the website at https://www.theacca.net/professionaldevelopment for information regarding scholarships. Meghan Lynch, Regional Director of Residential Programs, provided a tour of the Women's Residence which has 18 Beds for women and children, utilizing 3 levels of care, providing 4 groups 5 days a week including Hope & Healing in the evenings. Network Senior Vice President, Kati Jock provided a presentation regarding formal affiliation between Citizen Advocates, Inc and CWI. She works closely with leadership across human resources, finance, communications, information technology and facilities to support cohesive and patient-centered operations for Citizen Advocates and its affiliates. Network Chief Operations Officer, Jennifer DiTullio leads strategic initiatives to enhance the delivery of comprehensive health and social support programs for the communities they serve. Citizen Advocates and CWI have been working closely together since March 2025 for a formal affiliation. Mindy Wilson, Executive Director, will be supporting the agency and interface with stakeholders, maintaining quality of care and regulatory compliance. The formal affiliation will provide for stronger 'bench strength' for highly technical departments, financial sustainability in a rapidly changing environment, and a stable workforce rooted in CWI's mission in the Glens Falls offices. April Boucher, who is moving into the title of Associate Vice President of Operations, assured the Board that there will be no interruption to the services that are being provided and they are already starting improvements to the building.	
SFY 2027 NYS Budget OMH AOT funding: Enhanced Voluntary Agreements (EVAs)	The State budget has not yet passed. Negotiations are ongoing. R. York provided a Guidance Memo from NYS OMH and a table in the packet showing the breakdown of AOT/Enhanced Voluntary Agreement (EVA) funding awarded to both Warren and Washington Counties. Warren Co received retro funds 4/1//25-12/31/25 \$142,422,	

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OMH AOT funding: Enhanced Voluntary Agreements (EVAs) continued	Startup funds \$8,620 and Annualized funds \$189,896 totaling \$340,938. Washington Co received retro funds 4/1//25-12/31/25 \$141,988, Startup funds \$8,620 and Annualized funds \$189,318 totaling \$339,926. A plan was due to NYS by May 1 st for use of the funds. Counties are expected to hire, or contract for, one FTE to fulfill the duties outlined in the guidance document. Currently there are 19 AOT clients and 4 EVA's within the two counties.	
Court-Based Mental Health Navigators	The RFP awards for Mental Health Court-Based Navigators were: \$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. The agencies have been notified, County budgets have been amended and contracting/funds flow is in process.	
2027 Local Services Planning process/timeline	The LSP is usually due in June. We are in the last year of a 4-year plan. We are awaiting guidance and forms for this year's update. More information to follow as we receive it.	
CPL 730 competency restoration data report	R. York provided a table showing CPL730 Competency Restoration data. The Washington County Board of Supervisors voted to stop paying their NYS restoration of competency charges mid-year 2025.	
Opioid Settlement Funds – current status	R. York provided a table showing the approved Opioid Settlement funds. Funds flow has begun for most of the approved projects. The Ad-Hoc committee will reconvene to discuss the desired uses for remaining funds. A. Beaudet noted that the ASCEND Enhanced LEAMHRS project is active and responding to referrals.	
June OASAS Commissioner's Listening Tour	Rob York informed the group that the OASAS Commissioner, Dr. Chinazo Cunningham, is planning a visit to our area on June 22 nd as part of her statewide Listening Tour. Location TBD but likely at the Crandall Library.	
Additional items/updates	May is Mental Health Month so we ask the Counties to provide Proclamations.	

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	The Hike for Hope Cody's Climb will be held 5May 17th at the Double H Ranch in Lake Luzerne registration at 8:30am event time: 10am-1pm. The Save the date flyer for Chalk the Walk on May 27th at City Park & Brainstorm on October 16th. The Hope & Healing 'Wheels for Wellness' Transportation Flyer is provided. This is one of the approved Opioid Settlement Fund projects and is operated out of the Hope and Healing Recovery Center. June 4th Captain Community Human Services will be holding an Open House at 2818 State Route 9 in Malta.	
Adjournment and next meeting.	The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm. The next meeting of the Community Services Boards will be held on <i>June 11, 2026, 3pm, at the Council for Prevention, 214 Main St., 2nd Floor, Hudson Falls. Parking is available on-street or in the Municipal lot behind the Village Hall/Police and Fire Station, off Locust St.</i>	Heather Adams-Wendell motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Lawrence, Secretary to the Boards.