

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE
PWDD SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE TIOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

APPROVED

Subcommittee meeting date: September 10th, 2024
Via Hybrid

Member Casie O'Reilly
Attendance: Kim Bailey-Poreda
Gabriella Ayers
Evelyn Vavra
Gayle Pado
Tina Lounsbury
Guest Anne Seepersaud
Attendance: Karen Warfle
Denise Brennan
Tricia Tomm
Emily Jackson

Mental Hygiene Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Staff Attendance: Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director

Meeting called to order at: 9:05am

Topic: Review of August 2024 Minutes – Approved with changes

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Casie O'Reilly for Vickie Fergus

Discussion: Updates:

- Managed Care Assessment
 - All received final report via email (attached)
 - Working on staff shortages is #1
 - Openings posted on OPWDD website
 - Training and retention efforts being made

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Budget neutral as planned
 - Waverly Site to open in November offering MH and ADS services
- Bed decrease in Racker IRA
 - Temporarily gave one bed to Tompkins County from Tioga

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report via email – Shannon Westbrook

- Discussion: Updates:
- Tioga Day Hab planning Open House in October
 - Reveal renovation project
 - Invites will be sent out once date is set
 - Have one individual waiting for their SART approval
 - Day Hab Without Walls Program
 - Have two individuals waiting for their SART approval
 - Site Based Day Hab
 - Have openings
 - Now have a changing table and Hoyer coming
 - Do not have a wheelchair van
 - Volunteering at various organizations
 - Daily outings scheduled for individuals to choose from

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

- Discussion: Updates:
- September events reviewed (list attached)
 - Other Voices of the 607 continue to meet

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

- Discussion: Updates:
- Prime Care – Tricia Tomm
- Focusing on the health component with individuals
 - No open positions currently
 - Meeting face to face with individuals
- Southern Tier Connect – Emily Jackson
- Focusing on the health component with individuals
 - Fully staffed
 - Chalk the Walk for Suicide Prevention Awareness happening today
 - Pictures will be on social media
- Lifeplan – Anne Seepersaud
- Focusing on the health component with individuals
 - Meeting with IDD Providers & Care Managers
 - Expand knowledge
 - Great resource for Care Managers

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Racker Report – Gayle Pado

- Discussion: Updates:
- Trunk or Treat Resource Fair in October
 - Contact Gayle if interested in participating
 - Owego Rackers moving in mid-October-November
 - Neighborhood Depot Hub behind Marios
 - Ribbon cutting in the spring

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

- Discussion: Updates:
- Received one Tioga County referral last month
 - Halloween Dance in October at the Owego Moose Club

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Karen Warfle

- Discussion: Updates:
- Dental list received from Emily Jackson
 - Revisions need to be made as some no longer provide sedation or do not provide to this particular population
 - Updated list to be sent to the Subcommittee once completed
 - Working on housing option
 - Considering moving from Self-Direction back to traditional waiver services
 - Looking for a side-by-side comparison chart
 - Also looking for a list of what families should consider when searching various housing options
 - Kiwanis Aktion Club accepting new members
 - Dues will be already paid for next year
 - Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month at 1:30
 - Tioga County Boys & Girls Club
 - Contact Kathy Newell 859-358-0164 or Sebby Truesdail via Facebook Messenger
 - Southern Tier Bridges
 - Meets twice a month – social activities & opportunities
 - Is a membership fee
 - Contact southerntierbridges@gmail.com or call 607-725-3824
 - The Binghamton Philharmonic
 - Several inclusive educational programs
 - Contact Julia O’Connell 607-723-3931 ext. 3 or j.grella.oconnell@binghamtonphilharmonic.org

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:33am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th, at 9:00am.

