

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

**MH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE TIOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

**Approved**

**Subcommittee meeting date: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

***Via Hybrid***

Member Attendance: Heather Vroman  
Carolyn Galatzan  
John Bezirganian, MD  
Fran Bialy  
Donna Corbin  
Denise Brown  
Larissa Brower  
Tina Lounsbury  
Tina Shearer

Guest Attendance: Tina Shearer

Mental Hygiene Staff Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services  
Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services  
Cathy Healy, Clinical Program Director  
Sue Graves (minutes)

Category: March Minutes not reviewed

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- New - Healing & Health (Eating Disorder Clinic)
  - Focus on adolescent females 11-18 yrs. of age
  - Partial Hospitalization program
    - One other clinic like this in Buffalo
  - Located at the Glenmary Inn in Owego
  - Looking to obtain an OHM license
  - Non-profit
  - Lori wrote a letter of support
    - Seeing an explosion of eating disorders among teens
  - 10 inpatient beds
    - Patients live there while in the program
    - School provided
  - Working with local agencies in the region

- Goal: Opening in September 2022
- Informational packet will be sent to the Subcommittee
- Criminal Psych
  - Receive a bill for \$44,000
  - MH budget to be used to pay these until the budget is exhausted
- Staffing Changes
  - A Supervising Social Worker and possible CASAC starting the background check process
  - Betty Chilson retiring in June
- Workforce Funding
  - MOU signed with the Union
  - Waiting for OASAS to distribute funding in order to pass monies onto employees
  - Working on OASAS contract with the County Attorney
  - Hoping for it to be signed on Monday (4/4/22)
  - Left over funding earmarked for trainings
- OASAS Audit
  - Audit went very well
  - Hoping for a 3-year license
- Joseph Dwyer Program (Veterans)
  - Received \$100,000 for Tioga County
  - Mental Hygiene will pass the funding thru to the Veterans Association in Tioga County
  - Lori will present a resolution to the Legislature to accept the funding

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – Heather Vroman

Discussion: Articles for Pennysaver

- April – Stress Awareness month
  - Carolyn Galatzan submitted article to Pennysaver
- May – Mental Health Awareness Month
  - Lori to do a proclamation
  - Article regarding Suicide Awareness & Resources
    - Lori, Sarah & Wendy to write article
- June – Trauma & PTSD
  - Article to focus on Veterans
  - Will seek help from Mike Middaugh

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion:

Updates:

- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
  - April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
    - Event fliers to follow
  - NYS Domestic Violence Regional Counsel
    - Fran Bialy is the rep for this area
    - Meetings set up with disciplines start today
      - MH at 3pm today
      - ADS next Friday at 3pm
      - Meetings are 1 hour conversations
    - Fran to email Info to Lori who will forward to staff
- Glove House – Donna Corbin
  - Waiver review Sunday 4/3 thru Wednesday 4/6
    - Record Reviews with staff, clients, parents and administrators
  - Very short staffed and very busy

Status:

Informational – Complete

Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:59am.  
The next scheduled meeting is Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00am.

