

**TIOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE**

October 4th, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Hybrid

- **Review and approve September 2024 meeting minutes**

- **Director's Report**

- **Other Business**

- **Conferences/Workshops**

Next regular meeting: Friday, November 1st, 2024

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

Pending Approval

Subcommittee meeting date: August 2nd, 2024

Via Hybrid

Member Attendance: John Bezirgianian, MD
Fran Bialy
Carolyn Galatzan
Sue Medina
Larissa Brower

Guest Attendance: Angelica Deyo-Cruz

Mental Hygiene Staff Attendance: Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services
Sue Graves (minutes)

Category: Minutes for June & August – Approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Sarah Begeal for Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- **Waverly Site**
 - Working with a furniture company
 - Looking to hopefully open in November
 - ADS services to be available in Waverly again
- **Tioga Central School District Contract**
 - Sr. Clinical Social Worker starting 9/10/24
 - Position is full time
- **Mobile Crisis**
 - Increased head count approved
 - Have two tentative candidates
 - Sr. Clinical Social Worker
 - MH Peer
 - Two cars to be purchased for this program
- **Staff**
 - Sr. Clinical Social Worker (Waverly) & Clinical Social Worker (Owego) are in the background check process

- Hea Hea
 - Lori is assisting in getting this program up and running

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: RSS – Larissa Brower

Discussion: Updates:

- SOS Program
 - Hired 2 Care Managers and 1 Peer
 - Seeking a Licensed Social Worker
 - Staff will have office space
 - 90% of the time out in the field
 - Hoping program will be up in running in a couple of months
 - Referral info to be distributed closer to the opening
 - Already have staff in Cortland
 - Catholic Charities has a Peer & Team Lead
 - They are busy in Cortland County
 - Some in Tompkins County
 - Tioga County will be running eventually
 - Grant funded - not billable
 - Porshea placed 5-7 individuals in treatment a couple of weeks ago

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: ASAP Coalition – Sue Medina

Discussion: Updates:

- Organizing “Save a Life Day” in September
- Looking at ways to engage youth
- Sponsoring server training for alcohol
 - Fran suggested possibly incorporate trafficking into the training

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: LEPC – Sue Medina

Discussion: Updates:

- Threat Assessment Team met
- Should be starting soon

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: TC Suicide Coalition – Fran Bialy

Discussion: **Updates:**

- 8th Suicide Race Dedication Saturday 9/7 at Tioga Downs
 - Coalition will be tabling at this event
- Coalition structure needs to be developed
 - Wendy will be done at the end of October
 - Getting people to help with coalition after Wendy leaves
- QPR Training Team boosted again
 - Developing training protocol
- Post-Vention
 - Brett Bright from DSS is applying for a LOSS Grant
 - Support for development of post-vention teams

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy

Discussion: **Updates:**

- Hiring a person for the Child Advocacy Center & Safe Harbor Program
 - Advertising avenues discussed
- Recognition Picnic on 9/19/24, 1:00pm at the Hickories
 - Register thru website: anewhopecenter.org
- Domestic Violence Vigil in October
 - Seeing a horrific spike in domestic violence in the region
 - Mental Health clinic here is also seeing a huge influx of individuals seeking Mental Health services.

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:04am. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 4th, 2024, at 9:00am.