

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

APPROVED

Subcommittee meeting date: January 14th, 2025

Via Hybrid

Member John Crosby
Attendance: Gabriella Ayers
 Beth Astranskas

Guest Anne Seepersaud
Attendance: Karen Warfle
 Denise Brennan
 Tricia Tomm

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

Meeting called to order at: 9:06am

Topic: Review of the November 2024 Minutes – Approved as written

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Beth Astranskas

Discussion: Updates:
 • No new report outs

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director’s Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:
 • Waverly clinic had their Grand Opening
 o Clinic is open and running
 • Proposed combined subcommittee meetings
 o Lori explained why combining would benefit all
 ▪ Great way to collaborate
 o Mental Health Subcommittee agrees
 o OPWDD agreed as well
 o Plan is to start in February

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Shannon Westbrook via email

Discussion: Updates:
 ▪ Day Hab

- 22 individuals enrolled
- 1 referral waiting to start
- 1 graduating this year or next
- 1 possible transfer from Broome Day Hab
- Day Hab Without Walls
 - 7 individuals enrolled
 - 4 referrals waiting on SART approval
 - 1 intake scheduled
- Future renovations being discussed
 - Recertifying to provide services to additional individuals
- Currently looking for on-call staff
 - Staff & program attendees volunteering at Nursing home, Courier, Mission & Waterman's
- Outings include weekly mall walks, bowling, lunch outings & delivering mail to different ACHIEVE sites

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: FSS Report – Not Present

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Updates:

Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Wrapping up 2024
- Focusing on the clinical component high risk/high hospital users
- CCO Designation Audit wrapping up

Lifeplan – Anne Seepersaud

- Focusing on preventing hospitalizations
- Focusing on quality

Discussion ensued regarding the difference between Care Coordination and Managed Care. Managed Care was paused in September/October and currently not being pursued.

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Racker Report – Not Present

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

Discussion: Updates:

- Accepting new referrals in Tioga County except for after school
- Accepting referrals at Tompkins County
- Obtained a food truck
 - Opportunity for individuals to learn and work at the truck
 - Broome County has a waiting list

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Karen Warfle

Discussion: Updates:

- Obtained services through Racker
- Benefitting from numerous services
- Karen sending information on the Isaac Program out of Toronto Canada
- Nick obtained housing in Broome County
- John would still like Karen to participate in the subcommittee meeting

Status: Informational – Complete

Other Discussion: John would like to have individuals who are receiving OPWDD services at the table as well. Ideas discussed on what organizations to approach for individuals.

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:34am. The next meeting will be in February. Details to follow.
