

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

Approved

Subcommittee meeting date: March 4th, 2022

Via Hybrid

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

Guest Attendance:

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: Review of the November 2021 & January 2022 Minutes – Approved as written

Topic: Director’s Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Staffing Changes
 - Linda Wagner, LCSW-R resigned 2/22/22
 - Michelle Dunham, Sr. CASAC resigning 3/11/22
 - Sarah Secor, LCSW started 3/1/22
- State Budget Highlights
 - Fee for Service up ½% across the board
 - Looking to restore additional 1%
 - 5.4% proposed COLA for all “O” agencies
 - Language changes for 730’s
 - DCS to have more control
 - Shorter time frames
 - State Aid for MAT (Medical Assisted Treatment) in jails
 - Approved for an additional \$ 40,000
 - Asking for additional funding -\$23 million state wide
 - Joseph Dwyer Program (Veterans)

- Back on the table
- \$ 100,000 for Tioga County
- MH to pass thru funding
- More Workforce Investment funding
 - Working with Personnel to get funding to Union Employees
 - OMH - \$ 38,000
 - OASAS - \$ 13,000
 - Funding to be used for trainings as well
- Pushing for remote work
 - Tracking Telehealth services
 - Currently at 80%
- Staff Survey – Board Request
 - Surveys going out to staff by months end
 - Remote work to be added to survey
- Recruiting Issues
 - No applications for some job openings
- A New Hope Center Funding
 - \$50,000 received from the Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition
 - \$100,000 received through American Rescue
 - Fran spoke with Wendy Arnold to discuss expenditure of funds over the next 2 years

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – Heather Vroman

Discussion: Articles for Pennysaver

- February’s Article – National Eating Disorders Awareness discussed briefly
- March – Change in 941 & 945 laws – Lori Morgan & Sarah Begeal
- April – Stress Awareness month

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates:

- Tully Hill (24/7 detox facility) temporarily closed due to lack of nurses
 - Currently some counties are not taking any more clients
- In 2017 Fran used funding to significantly increase salaries

- A lot of value in doing better for employees
- Lori going to the Legislature regarding remote work from home (part time at home, part time on site)
- Telephonic services still under waiver
- LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Consortium)
 - Bob Williams asked Lori to be involved in the discussion
 - State Police are interested in a Mobil MH Plan
 - Lori needs to find out what the ask really is
 - Further discussion ensued

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:55am.
The next scheduled meeting is Friday, April 1st, 2022 at 9:00am.

