

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

Subcommittee meeting date: October 10th, 2023
Via Hybrid

Member Evelyn Vavra
Attendance: Gabriella Ayers
John Crosby
Vicki Fergus
Kim Bailey-Poreda
Tina Lounsbury

Guest Karen Warfle
Attendance: Emily Jackson
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 September 2023 Minutes – Approved with changes

Category: Reports

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Vicki Fergus

Discussion: Updates:

- Front Door Tioga County - September
 - 14 calls
 - 4 intakes
 - 8 information inquiries
 - 2 unresolved
- Statewide Conference October 26 – Oct 28th in Albany
- Anti-Stigma Campaign continues
- Waiver Amendment
 - Renewal expires in 2024
 - Permanent changes in Appendix K
 - Changes reviewed
- Front Door has 2 LMSW vacancies; interviews starting
- Election Day 11/7/23
- American Institutes Research
 - Hired by OPWDD at the State Level to evaluate Managed Care
 - Organization reporting to the Central Office
 - No further details
- Brief discussion on Guide House Inc
 - Town Hall meetings being held – Managed Care to be part of the

discussion

- Questions – ARPA.Inquiry@opwdd.ny.gov

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director’s Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Staff
 - Three Clinical Social Workers starting today
 - Some are still in the background check process
 - Still looking to fill vacancies
- Mobile Crisis Program
 - Meeting held with West & Central Field Office
 - Program 24/7 Mobile Crisis
 - Still reviewing sustainability of program after funding ends
 - Receiving \$600,000 for two years
 - Looking at all options
 - Hire 1 Staff & 1 Peer possibly
 - Move on purchasing additional vehicle(s) first
 - Looking at rates and how to support after two years
- Budget for 2024 is good – no issues

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Not Present

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado (via email)

Discussion: Updates:

- Regional Family Support Services Council
 - Membership opened to in professionals and others that care about the future of I/DD services in the community
 - Next meeting is virtual at 10:00am on 11/9/23.
 - Contact Gayle via email for meeting link and additional information GayleP@Racker.org

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Rackers – Gayle Pado (via email)

Discussion: Updates:

- Trunk or Treat Event (flyer attached)
 - October 27th from 4:30-6L00pm
 - Contact ChrisS1@Racker.org to register for this free event

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

Discussion: Updates:
• Accepting referrals for PreVoc
• Hosting a “Monster Mash” dance in Owego October 24th from 4:00-8:00pm

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Topic: Updates:

Discussion: Prime Care – Tricia Tomm
• Advocating & Education for flu shot
 ○ Clinic 10/3 in the Binghamton office
• No new enrollments for Tioga County
• Continue face-to-face visits
• Litte spike in COVID and colds
• Care Managers carrying a 32-35 case load; up to 40 with an assistant

ST Connects – Emily Jackson
• Education on flu shots
• No enrollments/intakes for Tioga County last month
• Hiring another Care Manager for Broome/Tioga Counties
• Working on outreach to hospitals
 ○ Build relationships
 ○ Reduce ER visits
• Caseload average 30-32; up to 35

Life Plan – Not Present

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Not Present

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Karen Warfle asked if families were going to receive information regarding the Town Hall meetings Vickie had discussed. Vickie suggested families should sign up for e-visorys to receive emails giving meeting details. Evelyn thanked Karen for bringing up the question because families are not getting meeting notifications. Vickie explained Town Halls are virtual and individuals can go to the OPWDD website and look for Guide House Managed Care to find information on upcoming Town Hall meetings.

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:49am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, at 9:00am.
