

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

**APPROVED**

Subcommittee meeting date: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Via Hybrid

Member Evelyn Vavra  
Attendance: John Crosby  
Gayle Pado  
Vicki Fergus  
Megan Kaminsky  
Tina Lounsbury  
Amantha Powell  
Kim Bailey Poreda

Guest Dawn Assoon  
Attendance: Doug Cole  
Teresa Edwards  
Anne Seepersaud  
Jennifer Payne  
Tricia Tomm

Mental Hygiene Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services  
Staff Attendance: Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director (minutes)

Meeting called to order at: 9:06am

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Topic: Review of November 2022 Minutes – approved with changes

Category: Presentation

Topic CSSID Program – Dawn Assoon, YAI

Discussion: At the request of the subcommittee, Dawn Assoon presented information on the CSSID program. The PowerPoint presentation is attached along with referral information.

Q&A session ensued after presentation.

The group found the presentation to be helpful and informative.

Status: Informational – Complete

Category: Reports

Topic: DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion: Updates

## Front Door

- Currently have two Licensed Master Social Worker vacancies
  - Hoping for a candidate list soon
- Front Door phone number for region 2
  - Development of one main phone number for the NYS Front Door to initiate process
  - Can accommodate 700 calls per week
  - Call main number – triage – routed to appropriate regional office
  - Goal is to have in place by March 2023
- Attending Racker’s Parent Network event on 1/25/23 from 3:30-7:30 at the Port Watson Conference Center
- Attended the FSS Quarterly Statewide meeting on 12/14/22
  - ADM discussions and public comment session
- Tioga County Front Door Data for 2022 – information attached
- Eligibility Department
  - 18 Packets in various stages of process
- Self-Direction
  - Two individuals approved in November
  - Twelve new budgets
  - Total number for Self-Direction – 129
  - One crisis case in September for Tioga County
  - Four individuals on emergent list for housing in November
- 507 Plan
  - Strategic plan released and to public on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022
  - Goals reviewed – stakeholder collaboration
- Chief Disability Officer established
- Budget
  - 12% funding increase
  - 22% housing subsidy
  - 5% cost of living increase

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Director’s Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Staffing
  - Chris Fay will be retiring this month
  - Bernie Frenz retired in December
- Budget
  - Same – neutral

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Amantha Powell

Discussion: Updates;

- Have vacancies at the IRA
- Day Hab has 4 vacancies
  - Currently has 17 individuals
- Trying to hire staff

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Central Office updates
  - Budget expectations
  - 507 Plan goals
  - Commitment to OPWDD workforce
- FSS Reimbursement – from State dollars
  - Shift in population being served
  - Some money being reappropriated to ensure all have equal access
- New ADM Reimbursement
  - List provided to participants of what will be approved
  - List provided on items not approved
  - Respite reimbursement seeing the largest change.
    - Multi-level approval process
  - Bi-laws conversation
  - Reserved one hour for public comment
    - 13 families & providers shared around ADM changes
  - Next meeting is in March
  - RPF dollars to be available in this region

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- One new enrollment for Tioga County in January
- Revamping face to face visits
- One open Care Manager position in Elmira

ST Connects – Not present

Life Plan – Anne Seepersaud

- Website improvements
  - Community resource tools and knowledge center
- Provider relations expanded (Anne’s role)

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Rackers - Gayle Pado

- Discussion: Updates
- New group mentor being interviewed
  - Chris Scaglione hired for Self-Advocacy & the library
  - 11 vendors will be at the Racker's Parent Network event
  - Hiring a Support Broker and Support Coordinator
  - Erin Day – new Behavioral Specialist
  - FSS Reimbursement
    - Amount reset up to \$3,000 for goods and services with restrictions
    - Updating schedule
  - Seeing influx of applicants for Traditional services
  - Losing a FNC in Tioga County – Megan taking on the caseload

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy (Other Voices in the 607) – Megan Kaminsky

- Discussion: Updates:
- Doug Cole, self-advocate was in attendance earlier in the meeting
  - Electing new officers
  - Getting self-advocates engaged in Parent Network Program

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Not Present

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:17am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:00am.

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