

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

Subcommittee meeting date: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Via Hybrid

Member Evelyn Vavra  
Attendance: Gabriella Ayers  
John Crosby  
Vicki Fergus  
Gayle Pado  
Kim Bailey-Pordea

Guest Karen Warfle  
Attendance: Emily Jackson

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

Meeting called to order at: 9:05am

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Topic: Review of August 2023 Minutes – Approved as written

Category: Reports

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Vicki Fergus

Discussion: Updates:

- Front Door Region 2
  - 1260 active individuals
  - Tioga County – August
    - 5 Front Door Calls
      - Information given to 2 individuals
      - 3 calls were unresolved
- Two LMSW 2 vacancies with interviews taking place
- “Get out there” event rescheduled for June 2024
- Statewide Conference October 26 – Oct 28<sup>th</sup> in Albany
- Data by the numbers can be found on the OPWDD website
- Annual Care Coordination Program Evaluation
  - American Institutes Research was chosen to do evaluation
  - Various areas evaluated

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director’s Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Receiving \$600,000 over two years to develop a Mobile Crisis System
  - Looking to purchase a couple of vehicles
  - Two staff people for program
  - No plan yet
- Budget for 2024 is good – no issues
- Continue to recruit individuals to fill vacancies

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Not Present

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Organized a subcommittee
- Bi laws passed for Family Support System
- Advocating for ADM reimbursement
- RFP Process – get money back into the communities
  - Over \$400,000 for Broome, Tompkins & Tioga Counties
- Next FSS meeting scheduled for 9/22/23 from 11a-3p

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Rackers – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Agreed to collaborate with Cayuga Med – ER
  - Sensory friendly
- Events ( fliers attached)
  - Meet the Authors & Book signing event
    - Tuesday, 9/26/23 at 4:30pm
    - Rackers in Ithaca with Zoom option
  - Virtual Open House
    - Wednesday, 9/20/23 from 4:00-5:00p
  - Halloween Fest in Tioga County
    - Friday, 10/27/23
    - Offering resources at Trunk-or-Treat
- Currently seeing an increase in COVID with staff

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

Discussion: Updates:

- Fully staffed and accepting referrals
- Hosting a “Monster Mash” dance in October

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Topic: Updates:

Discussion: Prime Care – Not Present

ST Connects – Emily Jackson

- Received one referral from Tioga County last month
- Outreach being done
- Fully Staffed
- Focusing on Healthcare
  - Program evaluation completed
  - A lot of feedback from the State

Life Plan – Not Present

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Not Present

Topic: Other Business - None

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:26am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9:00am.

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