

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

Subcommittee meeting date: November 12th, 2024
Via Hybrid

Member John Crosby
Attendance: Gabriella Ayers
 Vicke Fergus
 Lyndsey Paulin
 Shannon Westbrook

Guest Anne Seepersaud
Attendance: Karen Warfle
 Nick Warfle
 Denise Brennan
 Tricia Tomm
 Teresa Edwards

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

Meeting called to order at: 9:08am

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

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion: Updates:

- Employment First
 - New York is formally an Employment First state
 - Order signed 9/30/24
 - Pushing person centered planning for those wishing to work
 - Talking points reviewed
- Final Guide House Report
 - Questions regarding the report were asked and clarifications made
 - Brief discussion ensued

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director’s Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Lori attended a Hospital Collaborative Event last week
 - Major Topic of discussion
 - 945’s, ER’s and Mental Health Admissions
 - Difficulty with OPWDD population and nowhere to place them.

- Major problem across the state
 - Seeking a solution for Tioga County residents.
 - Silos discussed but OPWDD was not represented at the meeting
 - Lori to summarize the report and send to Vickie Fergus
- Waverly Site
 - Looking to open December 1st
 - Taking furniture delivery tomorrow
 - Computers going in
 - Grand Opening expected shortly after opening

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Shannon Westbrook

Discussion: Updates:

- Close to capacity – 3 or 4 openings currently
- Receiving a lot of referrals
- Additional building renovations being discussed

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: FSS Report – Lyndsey Paulin

Discussion: Updates:

- Allowable and unallowable reimbursement lists discussed briefly
 - Some issues with justifications regarding reimbursements

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Updates:

Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Focusing on the clinical component with individuals
- Revamping clinical team
- Face to face visits continue
- Fully staffed

Southern Tier Connect – Emily Jackson via email

- Continuing to focus on clinical outcomes
- Preventive Care education continues
- Working on quality improvement plans from OPWDD’s summit from July
 - Focus on an internal mentorship program to improve care manager competency and build an internal talent pipeline

Lifeplan – Anne Seepersaud

- Fully staffed

- Working with families to help enroll
- Meeting with members to ensure needs are met
- Community Options has been invited to attend this meeting
 - Have a location in Waverly

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Racker Report – Lyndsey Paulin

Discussion: Updates:

- Moving into the new building in Owego
 - Self-Direction, Community Hab & Autism Lending Library will be housed there
- Family Advisory Council is working on their mission statement
- Trunk or Treat Resource Fair Event
 - 600 individuals participated over 3 locations
 - 47 providers participated

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

Discussion: Updates:

- Accepting new referrals in Tioga County
 - Broome County has a waiting list
- Approved to provide services in Chenango County
- Halloween Dance - 65 attended
- Christmas Program – Adopt a child
 - Reached 300 kids
- Not fully staffed at this time

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Karen & Nick Warfle

Discussion: Updates:

- Working on housing IRA for Nick
 - A lot of frustration regarding waiting times
 - Hard time obtaining answers from region 2
 - So many layers to get through along with delays
 - Process appeared to be unclear with all involved
- Obtaining items on the approval list
 - Going through a clinician for approval is an issue
 - Not listening to parents
- Activities Nick participated in
 - Book Club
 - Other Voices of the 607
 - Trunk or Treat for resources
 - Achieve Open House

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:41am. There will not be a December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, at 9:00am.

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