

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

APPROVED

Subcommittee meeting date: August 9th, 2022

Via Hybrid

Member: Evelyn Vavra
Attendance: Vickie Fergus
 Gayle Pado
 John Crosby
 Megan Kaminsky
Guest: Tricia Tomm
Attendance: Catherine Gleason
 Emily Jackson
 Gabriella Ayers
Mental Hygiene: Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services
Staff Attendance: Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director (minutes)

Meeting called to order at: 9:17am

Topic: Review of May & June 2022 Minutes – approved as written

Category: Reports

Topic: DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion: Data Update:

Service	July
Front Door	4
Approved for Services	1
Housing – Emergent	1
Substantial	3
Current	8
Approved Self Directed	
Budgets	2

Follow-up:

- Direct Support Workforce Shortage
 - Significant staffing challenges
 - \$ 1.5 billion in funding available for recruitment, retention and initiatives
- Health Care Workers Bonus Program
 - \$ 1.3 billion for recruitment & retention bonuses
 - Goal: to be up 20% over the next 5 years
- Governor’s recent activity reviewed

- Billed signed by the Governor for supportive decision making for individuals instead of guardianship
- 507 Plan (5 yr. plan for PWDD services) reviewed
 - Forums being held
 - Written feedback from various forums welcomed
 - November 1st, 2022 – final plan to Governor & Legislature
 - Vickie to provide website information
- Managed Care
 - Managed Care vs Fee For Service being re-evaluated
 - Evaluation analysis to be completed
 - Assessment to be submitted by December 21st, 2022
 - Unclear at this time when information will be released to the public

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director’s Report –Sarah Begeal for Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Budget came in neutral
- No waiting lists in clinic despite staff shortages
- Staff
 - Two new hires in background check process
 - Kristine Oliver (contract) hired part time for school based program in Newark Valley
 - Anthony Hill – new CASAC in Owego clinic
- All day staff training on 8/10/22 with CEU credits
- Waverly Building Space
 - Attended a meeting with Legislators
 - Currently looking at a cost analysis and benefit of moving clinic to new site
- Workforce Grant Opportunity
 - New monies for Mental Health and Health Care workers
 - Information emailed to Marte Sauerbrey
 - Short window of time to send information/application in
- County Plan
 - Interim Plan for 2023
 - 4 year plans going forward with annual updates
 - Format being changed
 - Forms not available to date
 - Group to think about goals & needs

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Not Present

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Have a statewide person for the Family Support Advocacy Group.
- New guidance on public meetings
 - In person meetings
 - Must have a quorum in order to hold
- Meeting August 12, 2022 from 2-4pm
 - Topics include discussion on unallocated funds
 - Number of programs have closed due to COVID and other reasons
 - Asking for financial data in RFP process
 - Asking for changes in family reimbursement dollars
 - 507 Plan – some programs are not included
 - Trying to get these funds to the people they were allocated for

Status Informational – Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Face to face meetings
- Impressing importance of updated physicals and dentals for families
- New enrollments
- Have three new Care Managers

ST Connects – Emily Jackson

- Continue face to face visits
- Working on Care Manager hires
- Eliza Burdick hired as the new Care Coordination Liaison
 - Eliza.burdick@opwdd.ny.gov
 - (607) 217-6594

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Rackers – Megan Kaminsky

Discussion: Updates:

- Self-Direction booming – 18 new referrals for July
- No wait list

Traditional

- Working through roster for those needing support
 - Other counties helping out
 - Taking referrals with short wait list
- Slow increase in applicants
 - Two individuals in the hiring process

ALL Program

- Working to expand & revamp service
- Reaching out to parents – Parents Advisory Board

New Committees

- Parent Advisory Committee
 - Meeting once a month
- FSS Reimbursement Committee

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabriella Ayers

Discussion: Updates:

- 1 enrollment in July
- Do have a waiting list

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy Report – Megan Kaminsky

Discussion: No new updates. Megan will start attending the Self-Advocacy Group in the fall.

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:48am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 at 9:00am.

