

## **AGENDA**

**Tioga County Community Services Board**

**PWDD Subcommittee**

**September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Hybrid**

**9:00- 10:30am**

### **AGENDA TOPICS**

**Review and approve minutes**

**John Crosby**

**Presentation - CSIDD/START Model**

**Stefon Smith, YAI**

**DDSO/DDRO Report**

**Vickie Fergus**

**Director's Report**

**Lori Morgan, LCSW-R**

**Achieve Report**

**FSS Report**

**CCO Reports**

**Racker Report**

**Gayle Pado**

**Catholic Charities**

**Gabriella Ayres**

**Self-Advocacy Report**

**Other Business**

*Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

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

Subcommittee meeting date: August 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

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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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00am.