

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

APPROVED

Subcommittee meeting date: May 10th, 2022

Via Hybrid

Member John Crosby
Attendance: Evelyn Vavra
 Vickie Fergus
 Megan Kaminski

Guest Tricia Tomm
Attendance: Nancy Ranger
 Emily Jackson

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

Meeting called to order at: 9:07am

Topic: Review of March & April 2022 Minutes – Approved as written

Category: Reports

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion: Data Update:

Service	April
Front Door	1
Eligibility Packets	4
Housing – Emergent	1
Approved Self Directed	
Budgets	3
Com Hab	3
Prevoc	1

Follow-up:

- Article 16 clinic – Binghamton
 - Psychiatry services – no waiting list
 - Psychology & counseling – 50 on list for counseling
 - Hiring an additional Social Worker for counseling
 - Currently experiencing a lot of no shows – efforts being made to decrease that number
- CSIDD Crisis Services
 - YAI Crisis Team for Region 2
 - New office in Syracuse
 - All referrals on hold until team is trained & certified in START

Program

- Ivy Lewis available to present the YAI program.
 - Ivy.Lewis@yai.org
 - Sue to email Ivy to request a presentation
- Lori Morgan would like to receive all eligibility information for those who are found eligible and ineligible.
 - Vickie to speak to the head of the Eligibility Department

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

- Discussion:
- Lori attended the Mental Health Directors conference in Saratoga
 - Face mask mandate extended
 - Review of various regulations
 - Questions for Vickie
 - IRA's – increased beds – did that expire on 4/14/22?
 - Training flexibilities for staff – set to expire 5/16/22?
 - Vickie to research
 - Clinic
 - Budget is good
 - No waiting lists despite staff shortages

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Not Present

Topic: FSS Report – Not Present

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Life Plan – Nancy Ranger

- More home and face to face visits
- COVID education & boosters
- No wait list
- Accepting referrals

Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Face to face meetings
- Virtual & Phone calls continue
- Increase of COVID among staff & clients

Southern Tier Connect – Emily Jackson

- Face to face meeting for those who prefer
- Meetings in different places such as parks
- Taking referrals
- New intake coordinator, Jennifer Johnson starting in the June for the Western Region

Status Informational - Complete

Topic: Rackers – Megan Kaminsky

Discussion: Updates:

- Self-Direction
 - No waiting lists, taking referrals
 - Budget approvals coming in quickly
- Community Hab
 - Struggling with staffing
 - Taking referrals
 - Small wait list
- Residential
 - Staffing stable in Tioga County
 - Starry Night opening this weekend

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Not Present

Topic Self-Advocacy – Not Present

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:44am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th, 2022 at 9:00am.

