

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

**MH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE TIOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

**APPROVED**

**Subcommittee meeting date: June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

***Via Hybrid***

Member Fran Bialy  
Attendance: Larissa Brower  
Tina Lounsbury  
Carolyn Galatzan  
John Bezirganian, MD  
Sue Medina  
Donna Corbin

Guest  
Attendance:

Mental Hygiene  
Staff Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services  
Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services  
Cathy Healy, Clinical Program Director  
Sue Graves (minutes)

Introductions: The group welcomed Sue Medina, Deputy Director of Public Health to the Subcommittee. Sue will be representing Public Health going forward.

Category: Minutes for May 2023 approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Staffing
  - Lori will be asking the Legislature for a new headcount in order to fill the School Based Supports request for Tioga Central & Waverly School Districts
- County Plan
  - Draft emailed to Subcommittees and the Board
  - Plan mirrors last years
    - Goals & needs the same
  - Please send all adds/changes to Lori via email
  - Plan due to State by 6/30/23

- Staff
  - Jason Seidel, CASAC started
  - Received two resignations –
  - Vacancies to fill
  - Staffing issues part of the County Plan
- Exit interviews
  - Process explained & discussed
- Treatment Plans
  - Brief discussion ensued
- CLMDH Spring Conference
  - Funding being allocated for Mental Health
    - Housing
    - Crisis Services
    - Inpatient Beds
  - Amount unclear for each area
- Waverly
  - Negotiations continue for a new Waverly Clinic site

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Deputy Director Report – Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Updates:

- Corporate Compliance
  - New Corporate Compliance Regulations
  - Annual trainings will continue to be a requirement
  - Plan/Policies approved by Community Services Board
  - Staff taking training
  - Program on the County website
  - Auditing program started
    - All charts are reviewed
    - Random charts selected for Corporate Compliance
    - Auditing and criteria for medical necessity explained
  - Wendy Arnold will be training the CSB in June
  - Conflict of Interest & Attestations currently due
  - Note: the clinic was already operating with the previous requirements which have been modified to include the new regulations/protocols

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Program Director's Report – Cathy Healy

Discussion: Updates:

- Interviewing for various vacancies
- DBT Staff training in July
  - Goal is to have a DBT group co-facilitator at both clinic locations
- Transportation Issue
  - Owego Taxi has been sold
  - No transports for the past 3-4 days
  - New owners in process of obtaining Medicaid Certification.
  - Tioga Opportunities to be contacted
    - Volunteer transportation program
      - ❖ Note: Add lack of cab companies (transportation providers) to the County Plan
    - Discussion ensued regarding transportation barriers
  - May have to pursue more Telehealth to cover the gap in transportation in the meantime

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Articles

Discussion: Updates:

- May – Mental Health Awareness
  - Appeared in the May 14<sup>th</sup> Pennysaver
  - Excellent article - copy attached
- June – Trauma/PTSD Awareness Month
  - Article written by Cathy Healy
- July – Going Back to School
  - Combine Wendy Arnold & Sarah's articles
- August – Dating Abuse
  - Fran to have written by staff at New Hope
- September – Suicide Prevention & National Recovery Month
- October– Holiday Anxiety
  - Submit to Pennysaver before November & December

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion:

Updates:

- RSS – Larissa Brower
  - No further updates on recalibration of Care Management
- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
  - New person hired for evenings in the shelter
  - NY Prevention of Domestic Violence
    - Regional councils established
    - Fran is the Co-Chair
    - Working with victims & offenders
    - Meeting at the Owego Methodist Church, Main Street, Owego on 6/14/23
      - Topics:
        - Accountability
        - Safe & Together Model
    - Open conversation with Southern Tier Region System Reps
    - Fran to forward information to the subcommittee

Status:

Informational - Complete

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:09am

The subcommittee will not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9:00am.

