

AGENDA

Tioga County Community Services Board

PWDD Subcommittee

January 9th, 2024

Hybrid

9:00- 10:30am

AGENDA TOPICS

Review and approve minutes

John Crosby

DDSO/DDRO Report

Vickie Fergus

Director's Report

Lori Morgan, LCSW-R

Achieve Report

**Shannon Westbrook/
Carlena Hoover**

FSS Report

Gayle Pado

CCO Reports

Racker Report

Gayle Pado

Catholic Charities

Gabriella Ayres

Self-Advocacy Report

Other Business

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13th, 2023

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

PENDING APPROVAL

Subcommittee meeting date: November 14th, 2023
Via Hybrid

Member Attendance: Evelyn Vavra
Gabriella Ayers
John Crosby
Vicki Fergus
Kim Bailey-Poreda
Tina Lounsbury
Gayle Pado
Shannon Westbrook

Guest Attendance: Karen Warfle
Emily Jackson
Tricia Tomm

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

Meeting called to order at: 9:07am

Topic: Review of October 2023 Minutes – Approved with changes

Category: Reports

Topic: DDSO/DDRO Report – Vicki Fergus

Discussion: Updates:

- Information on employability for businesses shared
 - Benefits of hiring individuals with disabilities
 - Offered to businesses who sign OPWDD pledge
 - 144 businesses have attended training
 - Toolkit for businesses online
 - Toolkit discussed briefly
- Front Door
 - Two new staff starting November 30th
 - Serving all counties in Region 2
 - Currently 13 Front Door facilitators in Region 2
- No updates for American Institute Research

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

- Discussion:**
- Updates:**
- Staff
 - Two starting November 20th
 - One starting December 4th
 - Mobile Crisis Program
 - Plan submitted
 - Smaller scale
 - 9:00am – 5:00pm
 - Possibly obtaining iPads to police to facilitate face-to-face via Telehealth
 - Purchase of one car
 - Additional two staff (Social Worker & Peer)
 - Receiving \$ 600,000 over eight quarters; \$150,000 received to date
 - Waiting for State approval

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Shannon Westbrook

- Discussion:**
- Updates:**
- 16 individuals in the program with 1 intake in process
 - Restructuring program
 - Working with the Mission, Nursing Homes & Tioga Opportunities

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

- Discussion:**
- Updates:**
- Regional Family Support Services Council
 - Next meeting is November 30th
 - Subcommittees:
 - Needs Assessment Tool
 - Reimbursement Committee
 - Identifying non- allowables list
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Working on new membership recruitment brochures

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

- Discussion:**
- Updates:**
- Prime Care – Tricia Tomm
- Focusing on the health component of CCOs
 - Currently have 1 opening in the Binghamton office
 - Several enrollments; 1 for Tioga County

ST Connects – Emily Jackson

- Focusing on the health component
- Working on outreach to hospitals
- 2 new Care Managers in the Binghamton office
- 1 opening posted due to expansion in Broome County

Life Plan – Not Present

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Racker Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion:

Updates:

- Resource Fair (Trunk or Treat) event very successful
 - Hosted 450 people
 - Will be holding event again next year
- Upcoming Events (flyers attached)
 - Sensory Friendly Hour at Ithaca’s Museum of Earth
 - Sunday, 11/19 from 8:30-10:00am
 - Free event
 - Play Therapy Lego Night in Cortland & Zoom
 - Wednesday, 12/20 at 6:00pm
 - Open to the public
- Sensory Libraries are open and fully staffed
- Self-Direction is accepting referrals for enrollment
- Owego Based Community Center
 - Located on Central Avenue across from Home Central
 - Groundbreaking ceremony took place
 - Board meeting is scheduled there October 2024
 - Objective is to get services in one building
 - Will also serve as an emergency center capable of holding 100 people

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

Topic: Updates:

- Had 1 Prevoc referral in October
- Fully staffed
- Approve to start serving Chenango County
- 60 people attended the Halloween Dance

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Not Present

Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:32am. There will not be a December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9th, 2024, at 9:00am.

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