

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

APPROVED

Subcommittee meeting date: August 8th, 2023
Via Hybrid

Member Evelyn Vavra
Attendance: Gabriella Ayers
John Crosby
Vicki Fergus

Guest Karen Warfle
Attendance: Brittany Gayner
Anne Seepersaud
Emily Jackson
Tricia Tomm

Mental Hygiene Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services
Staff Attendance:

Meeting called to order at: 9:00am

Topic: Review of May & June 2023 Minutes – Approved as written

Category: Reports

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Vicki Fergus

Discussion: Updates:

- OPWDD Medicaid Services Demographics (2022)
 - Data on website
 - 396 individuals served
- July Data
 - Front Door - 3 from Tioga County
 - 7yr old, 21 yr. old, 1 call unresolved (no response)
- Public Awareness Campaign
 - Anti stigma campaign will expire at years end
 - Look Beyond Anti Stigma Campaign moved to statewide – no longer regional
 - Front Door Phone # 866-946-9733
 - Vendor/Call Center – prompts to get to regional office

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Deputy Director’s Report – Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Updates:

- Lori Morgan is at the Legislative meeting presenting the proposed budget
- Staffing vacancies remain in schools & clinic

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report

Discussion: Updates:

- Trying to increase capacity; 20 participants
- Re-engaging with the community post-COVID

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: FSS Report – Not Present

Topic: Rackers – Not Present

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

Discussion: Updates:

- Waiting list in Tioga County due to staff shortages
 - Two new referrals on hold

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Topic: Updates:

Discussion: Prime Care – Tricia Tom

- Working on health component
- No new enrollments for Care Management
- Full Staff

ST Connects – Emily Jackson

- Medical Supports
- Redesignation back in November
- Annual child wellness visits
- Staffing leveled out
- 5-year celebration upcoming.

Life Plan – Anne Seepersaud

- Celebrated 5 years since the transition out of MSE agencies
- Supporting Care managers with
 - Linkage to medical supports
 - Connection to Primary Care & Dentists

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Not Present

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: John Crosby received a call from Jessica Morley from Family Advocacy Counseling Training & Services (FACTS). She wanted the committee to be made aware of services for ages 22 yrs. old and younger with brain injuries (see attached document). The help line number is: 1-800-444-6443

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:36am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, at 9:00am.
