

## **AGENDA**

**Tioga County Community Services Board**

**PWDD Subcommittee**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**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**

**Laura Thompson**

**FSS Report**

**CCO Reports**

**Racker Report**

**Gayle Pado**

**Catholic Charities**

**Gabriella Ayres**

**Self-Advocacy Report**

**Other Business**

*Next meeting: Tuesday, June 14<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: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Via Hybrid

Member            John Crosby  
Attendance:      Evelyn Vavra  
                      Vickie Fergus  
                      Tina Lounsbury

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

Meeting called to order at: 9:15am

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Topic:            Review of March 2022 Minutes – No Quorum

Category:        Reports

Topic             DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion:      Data Update:

Service	March
Front Door	2
Eligibility Packets	0
Housing – Emergent	1
Approved Self Directed	
Budgets	1
Waiver Services	0
Crisis Cases	0

OPWDD Data Site; <https://opwdd.ny.gov/data>

Updates:

- April – National Autism Awareness Month
  - OPWDD highlighting various aspects their program
- NYS Executive Budget 2022-2023 Book available at:  
<https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/archive/fy23/ex/book/briefingbook.pdf>
- Recruitment Program
  - Direct support training program at BOCES
  - Partnering with service providers
  - Goal: to build recruitment at high school levels
  - Partnerships with SUNY systems

- 507 Plan – Strategic Planning
  - <https://opwdd.ny.gov/strategic-planning>
  - Services reviewed
  - Comments received by stakeholders
  - Release of draft plan for public comment in April
  - Two virtual hearings in June
  - Final plan to Governor in November

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director’s Report – Lori Morgan

- Discussion:
- Lori stated the OPWDD population is in need of Mental Health services
    - Currently long waiting lists for Article 16 Clinics
    - TC Mental Hygiene clinic reviewing on a case-by-case basis.
    - Lori asked where dually diagnosed people should be directed
    - Vickie to look into.
  - State Budget
    - Lori is waiting for the budget breakdown
    - Vickie reviewed a few of the highlights

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Not Present

Topic: FSS Report – Not Present

Topic: CCO Reports – Not Present

Topic: Racker – Not Present

Topic: Catholic Charities – Not Present

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Not Present

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:40am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00am.

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

Subcommittee meeting date: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Via Hybrid

Member John Crosby  
Attendance: Gayle Pado  
Evelyn Vavra  
Megan Kaminski  
Vickie Fergus  
Christine Schweitzer

Guest Ron Myers  
Attendance: Tricia Tomm  
Gabiella Ayers  
Mental Hygiene Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director (minutes)  
Staff Attendance:

Meeting called to order at: 9:07am

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Topic: Review of February 2022 Minutes – Approved as written

Category: Reports

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion: Data Update:

Service	February
Com Hab/Day Hab	1
Housing – Emergent	1
Substantial	4
Current	8
Self-Direction	1
Prevoc	1

Updates:

- Vickie is the Front Door Lead for Region 2
- Executive Budget 2022-2023 Talking Points
  - Addressing direct care
  - Increasing resources for housing
  - Expanding Crisis Services
  - Improving employment outcomes through training
  - Delivery system
  - Assessments for kids
  - Managed Care transition

Status: Informational – Complete  
Topic: Director’s Report – Not Present  
Topic: Achieve Report – Not Present  
Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Family Support Services Update
  - New Guidance regarding family reimbursement
  - Cap \$1,200 for goods/services
    - Some emergency services removed from this figure
    - Regional areas and providers can set caps as long as it’s below the state cap
    - ADM is on the Commissioners desk for review
    - Staggered dates requested
    - Comprehensive list of items that can be purchased asked for but not received
    - Can go to more than one agency for funding as long as it doesn’t exceed the cap
  - Surveys going out
  - Still looking for members

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Topic: Life Plan – Ron Myers

Discussion:

- Face to face visits continue
- Continuing with COVID education and outreach
- Accepting referrals

Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Conducting in-person visits
- Focusing on Care Management
- Closing smaller offices (Elmira) and working from home

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Racker – Gayle Pado & Megan Kaminski

Discussion: Updates:

- Residential Services
  - Staffing stable in Tioga County
  - No vacancies currently
  - Starry Night Respite House closed until April
- Self-Directed services going strong
  - No wait list

- A lot of upcoming programs
  - Group for age 16 and under – Mondays at 5pm
  - Group for ages 17 and up – Thursdays at 7pm
  - Independent Workshops – Thursdays 4-6pm
    - Community Safety Part 1 – 3/17
    - Community Safety Part II – 4/21
  - Lending Library 3/31
  - Let's Talk Sensory 4/5
- Programming details on Rackers Website

**Traditional Programming – Megan Kaminski**

- Hosting meetings to help families access various information electronically on Rackers
- A lot of family support, more control for families and their choices

**Status:** Informational - Complete

**Topic:** Catholic Charities – Gabriella Ayers

**Discussion:** Updates:
 

- Fully staffed
- Accepting new referrals

**Status:** Informational - Complete

**Topic:** Self-Advocacy – Megan Kaminski

**Discussion:** Updates:
 

- Trying to get Self-Advocacy present at the meetings again

**Status:** Informational - Complete

**Topic:** Other Business - None

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:53am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am.