

**TIOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE**

March 4th, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Hybrid

- **Review and approve November 2021 & January 2022 meeting minutes**

- **Director's Report**

- **Other Business**

- **Conferences/Workshops**

Next regular meeting: Friday, April 1st, 2022

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

Pending Approval

**Subcommittee meeting date: November 5th, 2021
Via Hybrid**

Member Attendance: Heather Vroman
Carolyn Galatzan
Tina Lounsbury
John Bezirgianian, MD
Fran Bialy
Larissa Pierce
Donna Corbin

Guest Attendance: Erica Robinson
Patti Zalewski-Gibson, NP, Tioga County Dept. of Mental Hygiene

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)

Category: Review of the October Minutes

Discussion: Approved with changes

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Lori reported the following updates:

- 730's competency and hospitalization was a major focus at the CLMHD conference discussion
 - Issues up for State legislature approval:
 - Redefining what "restoration" means for 730 individuals
 - Quarterly reporting to the judge instead of every 12 months
 - The State will now have to give 50% of what counties must pay for 730 hospital stays back to the counties for reinvestment purposes.
 - Big win for the counties
 - A lot of money being earmarked for workforce
 - \$ 38,000 received from OMH thus far

- Funding is hard to use because of restrictions
- Possibly use for additional staff trainings such as
 - Transgender
 - Trauma Informed Care
 - DBT
- Lori is waiting for a phone call back from Personnel to discuss questions concerning trainings
- Patricia Zalewski-Gibson, NP started with the clinic on 11/22/21
- Tina Lounsbury is the newest member of the Community Services Board

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Deputy Director Report – Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Updates:

- New CASAC starting on 11/8/21
- Looking to fill a CSW position; part-time clinic and part time school based in Newark Valley
- Hire for the School Support Project in Spencer starting 11/29/21

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Clinical Program Director – Cathy Healy

Discussion: Updates:

- Intakes busy
- ADS Census going up
- 499 Mental Health clients
- 93 ADS clients
- Groups in ADS are operating
- Discussing DBT for Mental Health
- Probation referring more individuals to the clinic
- Cathy is the contact for all referral questions

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Other Updates

Discussion: Article for November

- Review and discussed

- Revisions suggested

Article for December

- **Topic: International Persons with Disabilities**
 - Cathy to have clinician write

Covid Updates – Heather Vroman

- COVID cases increasing in adults
- Increasing cases in school aged kids
- Hospital stays and deaths are not increasing
- New quarantine options for schools discussed
- 5-11 year olds approved to receive vaccine
- Seeing hesitancy in the 12+ age group locally
- Not everyone is eligible for boosters at this time

Status:

Informational - Complete

Adjournment:

**There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:53am.
There will not be a meeting in December. The next scheduled meeting
is Friday, January 7th, 2022 at 9:00am.**

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

REVISED

Pending Approval

Subcommittee meeting date: January 7th, 2022

Via Hybrid

Member Attendance: Carolyn Galatzan
John Bezirgianian, MD
Fran Bialy

Guest Attendance:

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

Category: Review of the November Minutes – No Quorum

Topic: Director's Report – Sarah Begeal for Lori Morgan

Discussion: Sarah reported the following updates:

- The department came in under budget for 2021
- Jennifer Wapinski-Mopradian, LMSW last day was 12/23/21
- Lori asked for a change in title for that position
 - Supervising Social Worker position approved
- OMH has scheduled an audit for January 11th & 12th, 2021
- Criminal Psych (730)
 - Department was permitted to increase the budget to accommodate this line item
- Received \$ 38,000 from OMH
 - Waiting to hear from Personnel how those funds can be utilize.
 - Lori would like to use the funding for staff trainings.
- Lori will be drafting a resolution to re-appoint Carolyn Galatzan to an additional term for the Community Services Board
- COVID
 - Clinic has moved to mostly Zoom for therapy
 - Regarding COVID, staff is ok at this writing but there is concern of more people contracting it

- More clients are coming down with COVID
- Clinic is currently staggering appointments
- Trying to avoid a fully remote situation
- Zoom attestations are being signed as needed
- Jodi Sampey, LCSW-R is anticipated to retire in the near future
 - Experienced person to do supervision will be needed
- OMIG remote audit covering 2010-2016 completed
 - One billing incident detected and rectified

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Clinical Program Director – Cathy Healy

Discussion: Updates:

- As of 12/28/21, there is one AOT client in the county receiving ACT & RSS services
- Focus currently on impending OMH audit

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Other Updates

Discussion: Article for February – Carolyn Galatzan

- Helen Batiste will be writing on the topic of eating disorders

A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy

- Updates: COVID, Shelters & Staff
 - With recent surge, housing one person per room in the shelters
 - Limited to four families currently
 - Housing continues to be a struggle
 - Still helping with items for people to set up their apartments

New Subcommittee Chair Appointment

- Chair chosen annually
- The Subcommittee will choose the new chair in February

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:39am. The next scheduled meeting is Friday, February 4th, 2022 at 9:00am.