

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

**APPROVED**

**Subcommittee meeting date: October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

***Via Hybrid***

Member: John Bezirganian, MD

Attendance: Larissa Brower  
Tina Lounsbury  
Donna Corbin  
Fran Bialy  
Carolyn Galatzan

Guest:

Attendance:

Mental: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services

Hygiene: Cathy Healy, Clinical Program Director

Staff Attendance: Sue Graves (minutes)

Category: Minutes for August 2022 approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Hea Hea, LLC – Eating Disorder Facility (Glenmary Inn location)
  - Lori provided a letter of support
  - Meeting held to review financial viability
  - PAR is in process
- Tele Health
  - Telephone option expired but was renewed
  - Individual's need must be justified to use
- Staff
  - Kristin Oliver hired part time – Newark Valley Middle & High schools
  - Erica Kylor hired as Mental Health Open Access – Owego clinic
  - Erinne Gibson hired as school based clinician for Spencer VanEtten Middle School
  - Promoting from within for a clinician for Tioga Central School (2days/week) and 3 days/week in Owego clinic
  - Received 3-4 good resumes for open positions

- Once clinician is on an indefinite leave
  - May fill temporarily
- Waverly site relocation status
  - Engineers have only accounted for the outside renovations. Whomever moves in has to pay for the inside renovations
  - May be hugely expensive to remodel
  - If clinic were to relocate there, would allow for staff expansion
- County Plan
  - Needs Assessment discussed in detail
  - Goals to be completed by Lori
  - Lori will send draft plan to all subcommittees
  - All changes/suggestions to be emailed to Lori
  - Community Services Board to review and approve
  - Plan due to the State by the end of October

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Program Director Report – Cathy Healy

Discussion: Updates:

- Medicare Managed Care Audit next week
- Open Access
  - Second clinician hired
  - Continuing to admit and refer out
  - Handling the influx of clients
  - Closing cases that have been open for years without medical necessity
  - Keeping the door open - clients can come back as needed
  - Mike Cooke is now the Supervisor for the Waverly site and School Based
  - Danielle Fabregas is Supervising the Owego Clinic

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy

- Received an increase in their main contract
- Two people hired to increase staff with two more coming on board in a couple of weeks

- Two individuals left but one has requested to return
- Should be back on track between January & March

DSS – Tina Lounsbury

- Supervisor of Adult Protective leaving
- Tina will be taking over for now
- Currently have about 9 vacancies in the department

RSS – Larissa Brower

- Struggling with staffing at the Group Home

Reminder – Heather Vroman is stepping down as the chair of this subcommittee as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. If you are interested in taking over this position, please let the subcommittee know.

Status:

Informational – Complete

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:21am. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00am.

