

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

December 6th, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Hybrid

- **Review and approve October 2024 meeting minutes**

- **Director's Report**

- **Other Business**

- **Conferences/Workshops**

Next regular meeting: Friday, January 3rd, 2025

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

Pending Approval

Subcommittee meeting date: October 4th, 2024

Via Hybrid

Member Attendance: John Bezirgianian, MD
Fran Bialy
Carolyn Galatzan
Sue Medina
Larissa Brower
Donna Corbin
Tina Lounsbury

Guest Attendance: Nadia Constant

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: Minutes for September – Approved with changes

Topic: Director’s Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- **Waverly Site**
 - Goal is to open in November
 - Furniture & computers ordered, and locks being installed
 - Two offices reserved for State workers
 - Lori will have an office there too
 - Space will be made available for DSS as well
 - Date for ribbon cutting is pending
 - Ribbon cutting Looking to hopefully open in November
- **Mobile Crisis**
 - Still recruiting for positions
 - May have a lead on a Peer
 - No applications to date for a Social Worker
 - Hours & crisis coverage discussed

- Presenting resolution for car purchase
- Police to have iPads for virtual visits during the night and on weekends
- Staff
 - Resignations:
 - Diane Obregon – PT Clerical
 - Jeff Caris – Sr. CSW – Spencer High School
 - Christa Anderson – Account Clerk Typist transferring to Personnel
 - Hires:
 - Danielle Bellis - Sr. Clinical Social Worker Tioga Central Schools
 - Jessica Murphy – Sr. Clinical Social Worker – Waverly Clinic
 - Jamison Colegrove – Clinical Social Worker – Owego Office

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Clinical Program Director – Cathy Healy

Discussion: Updates:

- Staff Wellness Day held 9/27/24

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: RSS – Larissa Brower

Discussion: Updates:

- SOS Program
 - Missing a clinician – need to hire
 - Soft launch of program in Owego- 3 days per week
 - Great work with the homeless encampment
 - Most housed by DSS
 - Some went into inpatient
 - Some to other areas
 - A lot went to the Ranch
 - All departments were there to assist.
 - Fran stated A New Hope Center was not involved but should have been due to sexual & domestic violence issues.
 - A New Hope Center has funding that is paying rents for people for an entire year.

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Hea Hea – Nadia Constant

Discussion: Updates:

- Focusing on recruiting
 - Experiencing some issues with candidates thru a certain employment site

Status: • Going to employment events

Topic: • Interviewed a Biller

Discussion:

- Found a Program Director
- Lori & Nadia met with OMH and discussed realistic time frames & goals
- Partial Hospitalization is very complicated and very different than other OMH programs.
- Hea Hea has been granted the time needed to open successfully.
- Lori shared this has been a very heavy lift and Nadia has done a remarkable job

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: ASAP Coalition/ Health Department – Sue Medina

Discussion: Updates:

- Coalition meeting scheduled for 10/15/24
 - “Shawna Has a Secret” training
- Drug Take Back Day
 - Saturday, October 26th, 2024
 - HHS Building – taking meds and sharps
 - Waverly Site – meds
- Wellness Day 10/24 for all county employees
 - Meditation, EAP, therapy dogs, Narcan training

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy

Discussion: Updates:

- Picnic last week at Hickories
 - Various support groups recognized
 - Funds received from the family of a passed board member for employment empowerment & education

- Housing Support funding foundation was huge
- October is Domestic Violence Awareness month
- Smash Brothers gaming event at the Elks October 27th
- Staffing
 - May consolidate staff instead of hiring.
 - Losing another advocate

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: DSS – Donna Corbin

Discussion: Updates:

- NYS is waiving application fees for colleges
 - Higher education website lists all participating New York Colleges
 - 5 schools per request

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:03am. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 1st, 2024, at 9:00am.