

AGENDA

Tioga County Community Services Board

PWDD Subcommittee

February 13th, 2024

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

**Shannon Westbrook/
Carlena Hoover**

FSS Report

Gayle Pado

CCO Reports

Racker Report

Gayle Pado

Catholic Charities

Gabriella Ayres

Self-Advocacy Report

Other Business

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 12th, 2024

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

PENDING APPROVAL

Subcommittee meeting date: January 9th, 2024

Via Hybrid

Member Attendance: Evelyn Vavra
Gabriella Ayers
John Crosby
Vicki Fergus
Kim Bailey-Poreda
Tina Lounsbury
Gayle Pado
Shannon Westbrook
Carley Hoover

Guest Attendance: Karen Warfle
Emily Jackson
Tricia Tomm
Anne Seepersaud

Mental Hygiene Staff Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director

Meeting called to order at: 9:03am

Topic: Review of November 2023 Minutes – Approved with changes

Category: Reports

Topic: DDSO/DDRO Report – Vicki Fergus

Discussion: Updates:

- 2023 Annual Report released
 - On OPWDD website
 - Includes plain language and translated document
 - Brief overview of highlights
- American Institute Research (contracted with Guide House)
 - December survey for individuals & families completed – closed 1/3/24
 - Survey for providers as well
 - Goal: Guide House to provide final report and recommendations in the Spring

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: **Updates:**

- Application pending for volunteer IPA relocation from Binghamton to Crestview Heights
 - Site to house 3 individuals
 - Lori approved

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Shannon Westbrook/Carley Hoover

Discussion: **Updates:**

- Taking referrals for regular Day Hab
- Looking to start a Day Hab without walls
 - Currently have 3 referrals and 2 pending
 - Open to other counties besides Tioga
 - Capacity to be determined
 - Starting with 4 individuals per 1 staff member
 - Not a site-based program
 - 50% of the time will be spent in the community
 - Referral process goes through the agency
 - Referral form available on website

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: **Updates:**

- Statewide Family Support Services Council
 - Needs assessment survey launched
 - Resending to Subcommittee members today
 - Received over 1,000 completed surveys over the past weekend
 - Pushing for membership
- Deb Bennett -new Regional Chair
- Statewide elections coming up on March 5th, 2025
- Waiting for the FSS reimbursement allowable list

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: **Updates:**

Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Focusing on the health component of CCOs
- COVID outbreak among staff and individuals
- Care Manager position in Binghamton filled
- Doing face-to-face meetings

ST Connects – Emily Jackson

- Focusing on program evaluation results
- Policies & procedures updated
- Outreach to emergency rooms & hospitals continue
 - Will expand into other medical areas

Life Plan – Anne Seepersaud

- Transitioning from public health emergency
- Back to in-person for advocacy & member supports
 - Remote services continuing if member chooses

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Racker Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Self-Direction program back on moratorium
- Sensory Libraries open
 - Hosting lots of events
 - Hours on website
 - Seeing an increase in visitors and families being helped

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

Discussion: Updates:

- Accepting referrals
- Wait list expected
- Looking for staff

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Looking for new members – currently have 5
- Group is meeting weekly and are planning a trip to Albany
- Gayle will let them know to have a representative at the next subcommittee meeting

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, at 9:00am.