

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

APPROVED

**Subcommittee meeting date: February 2nd, 2024
*Via Hybrid***

Member Fran Bialy
Attendance: Sue Medina
Larissa Brower

Guest
Attendance:

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 November 2023 approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Waverly Site
 - Bids back on 2/7/24
- Mobile Crisis
 - No word from OMH regarding plan
- SPOA/Corporate Compliance Position
 - Angelica Deyo-Cruz has started
 - Training with Sarah on Corporate Compliance
- Contracted Employees
 - The switch from Helio Health to Fairview Recovery has been made
- Hea Hea
 - OMH audit was completed
 - OMH & Hea Hea invited Lori to be at the audit & summation
 - No PIP yet
 - Planning to re-open in February
 - Lori assisting with the process

- OASAS
 - Commissioner visit rescheduled for 2/27/34 from 2:00-4:00pm in the Hubbard Auditorium
 - OASAS is sending regional invitations
 - Listening session open to all non-profits
- Opioid Abatement Committee
 - First meeting scheduled for 2/7/24
 - Organize ideas & develop plan
- SOS Grant
 - Homeless outreach grant
 - Awarded to Catholic Charities
 - Contracted with RSS Tompkins/Tioga
- Helio Health
 - Received substantial funds for a 100-bed facility

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Deputy Director Report – Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Updates:

- A lot of new employees have started
- Working on training the Corporate Compliance Officer
 - Angelica is doing well
- Looking at Medicare Regulations
 - Conference call with OMIG
 - OMIG is not over Medicare
 - Audits are their focus
 - Stated they follow 599 protocols
 - Question regarding treatment plans
 - OMIG – plans done annually
 - OMH - plans done every 90 days
 - Clinic will continue with the 599 protocol of every 90 days

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Clinical Program Director – Cathy Healy

Discussion: Updates:

- Conducting interviews
- Training new staff
- Clinic is consistently busy
 - Open Access is non-stop

- Participated in the Job Fair downtown
 - Additional Job Fairs scheduled in various areas
 - Cathy can forward information

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Articles

Discussion: Updates:

- February – Eating Disorder Month
 - Lori will reach out to Nadia at Hea Hea
- March – Self Harm Awareness Month
 - MH Clinic can write
- April – Autism Awareness Month
 - Lori will reach out to Pat Gillule
- May – Mental Health Awareness Month

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates:

- RSS – Larissa Brower
 - SOS Grant (RFP thru OMH)
 - Homeless outreach
 - Team approach – Peers, Care Managers & Licensed Social Workers
 - Attempt in-person contact within 24 hours of receiving referral
 - Making connections with all area agencies and DCS
 - Tompkins has started and is working on getting organized
 - Lori is excited RSS was contracted as they are familiar with Tioga County already
 - Housing will be a challenge everywhere
 - RSS applied for Supported Housing beds, but it was awarded to Catholic Charities
 - A lot needs to be done
- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
 - Fran participated in the PIT count again this year
 - Four people were found (daytime)
 - Last year one was found (nighttime)

- Homelessness is a growing problem
- Housing development is not happening fast enough
- Staffing
 - Fran is losing a long-standing employee due to rapidly declining health.
- Grant System
 - State is switching over to SFS on-line grant system from Grants Gateway
 - Navigating the new system is proving to be challenging.
- Suicide Prevention Coalition
 - Fran is meeting with Wendy Arnold in February
 - Goal is to get the Coalition restarted

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:46am

