

AGENDA

Tioga County Community Services Board

PWDD Subcommittee

April 9th, 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, May 14th, 2024

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

Subcommittee meeting date: March 12th, 2024
Via Hybrid

Member: John Crosby
Attendance: Vicki Fergus
Kim Bailey-Poreda
Tina Lounsbury
Gayle Pado
Shannon Westbrook
Guest: Kathy Nichols-Newell
Attendance: Karen Warfle
Emily Jackson
Anne Seepersaud
Mental Hygiene: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Staff Attendance: Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director

Meeting called to order at: 9:04am

Topic: Review of January 2024 Minutes – Approved as written

Topic: Presentation

Discussion: Kathy Nichols-Newell, Lt. Governor of the NY District, Susquehanna Division Owego Kiwanis Club gave a presentation on the Kiwanis Aktion Club.

- Highlights
 - Club meets the first Tuesday of each month
 - Location: Owego Boys & Girls Club
 - Time: 1:30 – 2:30pm
 - Local adults , 18+ with disabilities
 - Individuals can join at any time (no maximum age limit)
 - No membership fee for the first year; \$8.00 thereafter
 - Fundraisers for membership fees planned
 - Overview of Program is attached
 - Event
 - Club will be participating in the Rural Ministries Spring Clean up on April 13th, 2024 from 9:30-3:00pm

The group was grateful for this information and thanked Kathy for presenting.

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion: Updates:

- March is Development Disabilities Awareness Month

- 2024 theme “World of Opportunities”
- Three videos released focusing on empowerment
 - The Art of Advocacy
 - Look Beyond
 - Sexuality & People with Developmental Disabilities
 - See attached email with further details
 - Opportunity for individuals to share their own “I Am” messages
- Upcoming Solar Eclipse
 - Event - April 8th, 2024
 - Information being provided on how to stay safe
- Three evaluations are going on currently
 - Self-Direction – Guide House conducting
 - Care Coordination – American Institute of Research
 - Managed Care Evaluation – Guide House
 - There will be a review of all aspects of the research findings
 - Draft report will be released soon
- “Get Outdoors & Get Together Day”
 - To be held June 8th, 2024
 - Hosted by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation & State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
 - Partnering with Office for People with Developmental Disabilities
 - Further information attached

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director’s Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Waverly site is a go
 - Will have Mental Health and Substance Misuse services
 - Goal is to have open by this coming Fall
- County Plan
 - Next month will bring plan to the subcommittee for review and updates

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Shannon Westbrook/Carley Hoover

Discussion: Updates:

- Day Hab facelift has started
- Three individuals enrolled in Day Hab Without Walls
- Three more are looking at the program

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

- Discussion:** **Updates:**
- Results of the OPWDD Reimbursement Providers Survey
 - Changes to allowable and non-allowable list
 - Meeting to review changes
 - \$ 124,133 in grant funding
 - Top three priorities
 - Respite
 - Reimbursement
 - After school/Camps (doing an RFP)
 - Local RFP process underway
 - Seeking new members at the Regional Level
 - Open to Providers
 - Deb Bennett is the new Chair for the Tompkins Area

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: **Updates:**

ST Connects – Emily Jackson

- Following best practices & tasks to make the program better
- Trainings taking place
- More tabling & network events

Life Plan – Anne Seepersaud

- Status:** • Taking referrals
- Topic:** • New Program – Link to Better Health – TriaDD (flyer attached)
- Discussion:** ○ Program funded by a grant from the CDC in collaboration with the NYS Department of Health
- Program to help assist those with intellectual or developmental disabilities link to services such as:
- Help with medical appointments
 - Connect with social services like SNAP, HEAP and so forth
 - Help guide individuals through the healthcare system
 - Connect with preventative services such as screenings and well care visits

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Racker Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: **Updates:**

- Adaptive Game Night/Bingo in April
 - Sponsored by the Voice of 607 Advocacy Group
 - Event is open to all

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Not Present

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Not Present

Topic: Other Business:

Discussion: Tina opened a discussion on Consumer Directed Personal Care and the state budget cut. The governor changed the program. Discussion ensued. Anne Seepersaud saw a mass email and a lot of concern was expressed. A number of individuals could be affected by this change.

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:53am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, at 9:00am.

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