

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

APPROVED

Subcommittee meeting date: November 1st, 2023

Via Hybrid

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

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 October 2023 approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Fall Conference
 - 730's have increased in every county
 - History discussed
 - Jackson Hearings discussed
 - Individual cannot be hospitalized more than 1/3 of their sentence
 - Most hospitalizations are over 6-months
 - Talking with Peter DeWind to meet with all the County judges to show them what other options are available (outpatient treatment instead)
 - Mental Hygiene has found the funding through vacancies this year
 - Currently have two individuals in Criminal Psych hospitals
 - Approximately ten 730's have been done this year

- Waverly Site
 - Hunt's estimate came back significantly higher than what was expected
- Mobile Crisis
 - Plan to OMH by December
 - Proposing a pilot program
 - Monday – Friday 9:00am-5:00pm
 - Would need an employee, peer, and a vehicle
 - Co-mingle with current services
 - Looking at the numbers – program not sustainable
 - Tompkins County's program discussed briefly
- SPOA/Corporate Compliance Position
 - Angelica Deyo-Cruz will be starting on 11/20/23 once passed through the Legislature
 - Responsibilities reviewed briefly
- Contracted Employees
 - Helio contract is finished at the end of the year
 - Fairview has agreed to contract with Tioga County for Dr. Webster & Patricia Zalewski-Gibson, NP
 - All other contracted employees have been converted to county employees
 - Lori will be asking permission from the Legislature to sign the contract with Fairview
- Hea Hea
 - OMH doing a recertification visit
 - MH Subcommittee would like an invitation extended to Hea Hea to be part of the Subcommittee
 - Lori to extend invite
- OASAS
 - Commissioner contacted Lori to come to Tioga County
 - Listening session open to all non-profits
 - Event will be held in the Hubbard Auditorium
 - Lori will advise all of the date

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Deputy Director Report – Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Updates:

- Positions remain open for the Spencer School District
- Transportation meeting on 10/31/23
 - Cab service needs to recertify with Medicaid
 - Tioga Opportunities was recertified

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Articles

Discussion: Updates:

- October – Bullying Prevention & Domestic Violence Awareness articles printed in Pennysaver (copies attached)
- November – Holiday Stress – Sue to send
- December – Family Dynamics – Sue Medina
- January - Mental Wellness Month – Carolyn Galatzan
 - Cathy Healy to send Carolyn program curriculum
- February – Eating Disorder Month

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates:

- Public Health – Sue Medina
 - Partnership to End Addiction
 - Promoting spike alerts
 - Alerts come thru OD Maps
 - Getting people signed up for text alerts for fatal overdoses (flyer attached)
- Narcan trainings
 - All clients in the MH clinic receive training by clinicians & Narcan kits
 - Security Guards trained
 - PAN boxes available in numerous areas throughout the county
 - All RSS staff trained
- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
 - Super Smash event went well – 20 young people
 - Did Purple Day for Domestic Violence Awareness
- Conference has a newsletter
 - Porshea in video
 - Sarah to share link with subcommittee
 - Also, on Facebook
- Next meeting discussion
 - Meeting in December
 - Cancelling January 2024 meeting

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05am

