

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

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Hybrid**

- **Review and approve February & March 2024 meeting minutes**
  
- **Director's Report**
  
- **Other Business**
  
- **Conferences/Workshops**

*Next regular meeting: Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 9:00am*

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

**Pending Approval**

**Subcommittee meeting date: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

***Via Hybrid***

**Member Attendance:** Fran Bialy  
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

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

**Pending Approval**

**Subcommittee meeting date: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

***Via Hybrid***

**Member Attendance:** Fran Bialy  
John Bezirgianian, MD  
Nadia Constant

**Guest Attendance:**

**Mental Hygiene Staff Attendance:** Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services  
Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services  
Sue Graves (minutes)

**Category:** Minutes for February 2023 - No Quorum

**Topic:** Director's Report – Lori Morgan

**Discussion:** Updates:

- OASAS
  - Commissioner's Town Hall held 2/27/24
  - Agencies, SUNY Students, Truth Pharm & Prevention in attendance
- Staff
  - New hire for Spencer Middle School
  - One clinician resigned
- Waverly Site
  - Project moving forward
  - 15-year lease
  - Plans to be finalized at the Legislature meeting March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Opioid Abatement Committee
  - Lori did three media interviews regarding funding
  - Community being asked for feedback regarding where needs are
  - All feedback needs to be giving by the end of March
  - RFP in April

- A portion of the departments funding being earmarked for the Waverly project
- County has funding as well

**Status:** Informational – Complete

**Topic:** Hea Hea – Nadia Constant

**Discussion:** Updates:

- Board meeting held
- Not much progress with OMH
  - Waiting for a document via email to make further plans
  - Had an audit in Decembre
  - Waiting on licensure
  - Lori to email OMH
  - Not meeting timeline goals due to the challenges above
  - Following up on client list
- Looking into grant opportunities
  - Grant for Training received
  - Staff taking training while they wait for licensure to come through
- Staffing
  - Nutritionist & Psychotherapist on board
  - Two therapists on standby
    - Conduction virtual therapy on demand
  - May need two more therapists

**Status:** Informational - Complete

**Topic:** Articles

**Discussion:** Updates:

- March – Self Harm Awareness Month
  - MH Clinic can write

**Status:** Informational – Complete

**Topic:** Other Business

**Discussion:** Updates:

- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
  - Suicide Coalition discussion with Wendy Arnold pushed off at this time

- Fran will reach out to her soon.

**Status:**

Informational - Complete

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:27am.

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