

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

**APPROVED**

**Subcommittee meeting date: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

***Via Hybrid***

Member Fran Bialy  
Attendance: Larissa Brower  
Tina Lounsbury  
Carolyn Galatzan  
Guest Gabriella Ayers  
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 April 2023 approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- School Based Social Worker - Waverly School District
  - Eric Knolles, Superintendent has agreed to one Social Worker for the Elementary School for now
  - A resolution to increase the headcount will be presented to the Legislature.
- Waverly Clinic
  - Will be temporarily moved to the Owego clinic once lease has expired
  - Vacant Veterans being utilized to expand the Owego site
- Lori & Sarah are attending the Spring CLMHD Conference May 10-12, 2023
- Corporate Compliance
  - Policies to be finalized at the CSB meeting
- Staff
  - Jason Seidel, CASAC starting 5/8/23
  - Recruiting continues to be challenging

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Articles

Discussion: Updates:

- May – Mental Health Awareness
  - Pennysaver needs by 5/10/23
  - Send to Courier as well
  - Posting on Facebook page
- June – Trauma/PTSD Awareness Month
  - Article written
  - Sending to group to review
- August – Going Back to School
  - Article written
- September – Suicide Prevention & National Recovery Month
- Sue will send the article file to the subcommittee

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates:

- RSS – Larissa Brower
  - Recalibration of Care Management is in the state budget
  - \$1000million cut from state budget over the next couple of years
- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
  - Waiting to see what funding the will be getting from the state as well

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Gabriella Ayers from Catholic Charities shared:

- Care services offered for OPWDD & OMH individuals in Tompkins & Tioga Counties for eligible individuals
  - Must come thru a Care Manager & referred by Health Home
- Trying to get HCBS vocational services up and running
- Habilitation
- Supportive and Intensive Employment Services

- Education – GED’s and college courses
- Contact info:
  - Work Cell – (607) 223-2698
  - Office – (607) 272-5062 ext. 306

Lori shared there is a state RFP for Youth ACT Team

- Tioga, Tompkins, Cattaraugus Counties
- Lori writing a letter of support for two counties

Discussion on homeless situation ensued

- PIT count held in January 2023 – 1 individual found
- Most went to shelters over the winter
- Hotels utilized during Code Blue
- A lot of movement now
  - Evictions allowed leaving more apartments open
  - Owego Square is opening
- COVID funding is over
- People are needing to recertify
- HUD rate increased to over \$800/month – utilities included
  - Challenges – extremely high rents
  - Affordable rents are in awful shape

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Workshops& Trainings

Discussion: Updates:
 

- Pesi Training in July with Dr. Simpson
  - DBT skills for all clinicians
  - May have a couple of openings for others to attend

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:11am

The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at 9:00am.

