

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

Subcommittee meeting date: November 14th, 2023
Via Hybrid

Member Attendance: Evelyn Vavra
Gabriella Ayers
John Crosby
Vicki Fergus
Kim Bailey-Poreda
Tina Lounsbury
Gayle Pado
Shannon Westbrook

Guest Attendance: Karen Warfle
Emily Jackson
Tricia Tomm

Mental Hygiene Staff Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director

Meeting called to order at: 9:07am

Topic: Review of October 2023 Minutes – Approved with changes

Category: Reports

Topic: DDSO/DDRO Report – Vicki Fergus

Discussion: Updates:

- Information on employability for businesses shared
 - Benefits of hiring individuals with disabilities
 - Offered to businesses who sign OPWDD pledge
 - 144 businesses have attended training
 - Toolkit for businesses online
 - Toolkit discussed briefly
- Front Door
 - Two new staff starting November 30th
 - Serving all counties in Region 2
 - Currently 13 Front Door facilitators in Region 2
- No updates for American Institute Research

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

- Discussion: Updates:
- Staff
 - Two starting November 20th
 - One starting December 4th
 - Mobile Crisis Program
 - Plan submitted
 - Smaller scale
 - 9:00am – 5:00pm
 - Possibly obtaining iPads to police to facilitate face-to-face via Telehealth
 - Purchase of one car
 - Additional two staff (Social Worker & Peer)
 - Receiving \$ 600,000 over eight quarters; \$150,000 received to date
 - Waiting for State approval

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Shannon Westbrook

- Discussion: Updates:
- 16 individuals in the program with 1 intake in process
 - Restructuring program
 - Working with the Mission, Nursing Homes & Tioga Opportunities

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

- Discussion: Updates:
- Regional Family Support Services Council
 - Next meeting is November 30th
 - Subcommittees:
 - Needs Assessment Tool
 - Reimbursement Committee
 - Identifying non- allowables list
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Working on new membership recruitment brochures

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

- Discussion: Updates:
- Prime Care – Tricia Tomm
- Focusing on the health component of CCOs
 - Currently have 1 opening in the Binghamton office
 - Several enrollments; 1 for Tioga County

ST Connects – Emily Jackson

- Focusing on the health component
- Working on outreach to hospitals
- 2 new Care Managers in the Binghamton office
- 1 opening posted due to expansion in Broome County

Life Plan – Not Present

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Racker Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Resource Fair (Trunk or Treat) event very successful
 - Hosted 450 people
 - Will be holding event again next year
- Upcoming Events (flyers attached)
 - Sensory Friendly Hour at Ithaca's Museum of Earth
 - Sunday, 11/19 from 8:30-10:00am
 - Free event
 - Play Therapy Lego Night in Cortland & Zoom
 - Wednesday, 12/20 at 6:00pm
 - Open to the public
- Sensory Libraries are open and fully staffed
- Self-Direction is accepting referrals for enrollment
- Owego Based Community Center
 - Located on Central Avenue across from Home Central
 - Groundbreaking ceremony took place
 - Board meeting is scheduled there October 2024
 - Objective is to get services in one building
 - Will also serve as an emergency center capable of holding 100 people

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

Topic: Updates:

- Had 1 Prevoc referral in October
- Fully staffed
- Approve to start serving Chenango County
- 60 people attended the Halloween Dance

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Not Present

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:32am. There will not be a December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9th, 2024, at 9:00am.

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Office for People With
Developmental Disabilities

Understanding Managed Care

September 2023



Plain Language

Understanding Managed Care

Managed Care is a way of coordinating and paying for services to improve outcomes for people.

In a Managed Care payment structure, Managed Care Organizations coordinate services and pay service provider agencies that deliver services to people.

The State gives Managed Care Organizations a set amount of money each month to spend to give each person the services they need.

The Managed Care organization is not paid each time a service is provided.

The idea behind Managed Care is that upfront payments will allow providers more flexibility in how they meet people's needs.



How OPWDD services are paid for today

OPWDD services are mostly paid for by money from the federal Medicaid Program.

OPWDD services are paid by Medicaid in different ways, depending on which organization people choose to support them.

- 1. Fee-For-Service** - Some people get OPWDD services from developmental disability service providers who are paid through what is called Fee-for-Service (FFS). This means providers are paid directly for services they provide after specific services are provided.



2. Managed Care for Some Services - Other people get medical and behavioral health services from Managed Care Organizations and their OPWDD services from a developmental disabilities provider agency in Fee-For-Service. In this situation, the State pays the Managed Care Organization a set amount of money for each person's medical and behavioral health services and pays developmental disability service providers for each service they provide (Fee-for-Service).

3. Managed Care for All Services - Some people have enrolled in a Managed Care Organization that provides all their services (Partners Health Plan). The State pays the Managed Care Organization a set amount every month for each person the organization supports. The set monthly amount must be used to meet all of a person's needs, their medical and behavioral health services and supports related to their developmental disability..

OPWDD and the NYS Department of Health oversee how Managed Care Organizations operate.

Deciding To Use Managed Care for more OPWDD Services or Not

For years OPWDD has been thinking about changing services that are paid with Fee-For-Service payments to Managed Care payments (one monthly payment per person).



OPWDD has not yet made a decision to make any changes to how services are paid for. OPWDD may decide to make changes or to not make any changes.

If OPWDD finds it is a good idea to change how services are paid for, the agency will discuss the idea with people who get services, their families and service providers before making any changes.

To learn more about the best ways to pay for services, OPWDD is paying for a group called Guidehouse to study different ways that OPWDD could pay for the services it provides.

Guidehouse will tell OPWDD what is good about each possible way and what is not good about each possible way.

Guidehouse will talk to people with developmental disabilities and their families, service providers, advisory boards, other state governments and experts to understand all points of view.

Guidehouse will look at all the information people provide and suggest what type of payment system OPWDD should use to best meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities.

Guidehouse issued its first report in December 2022.

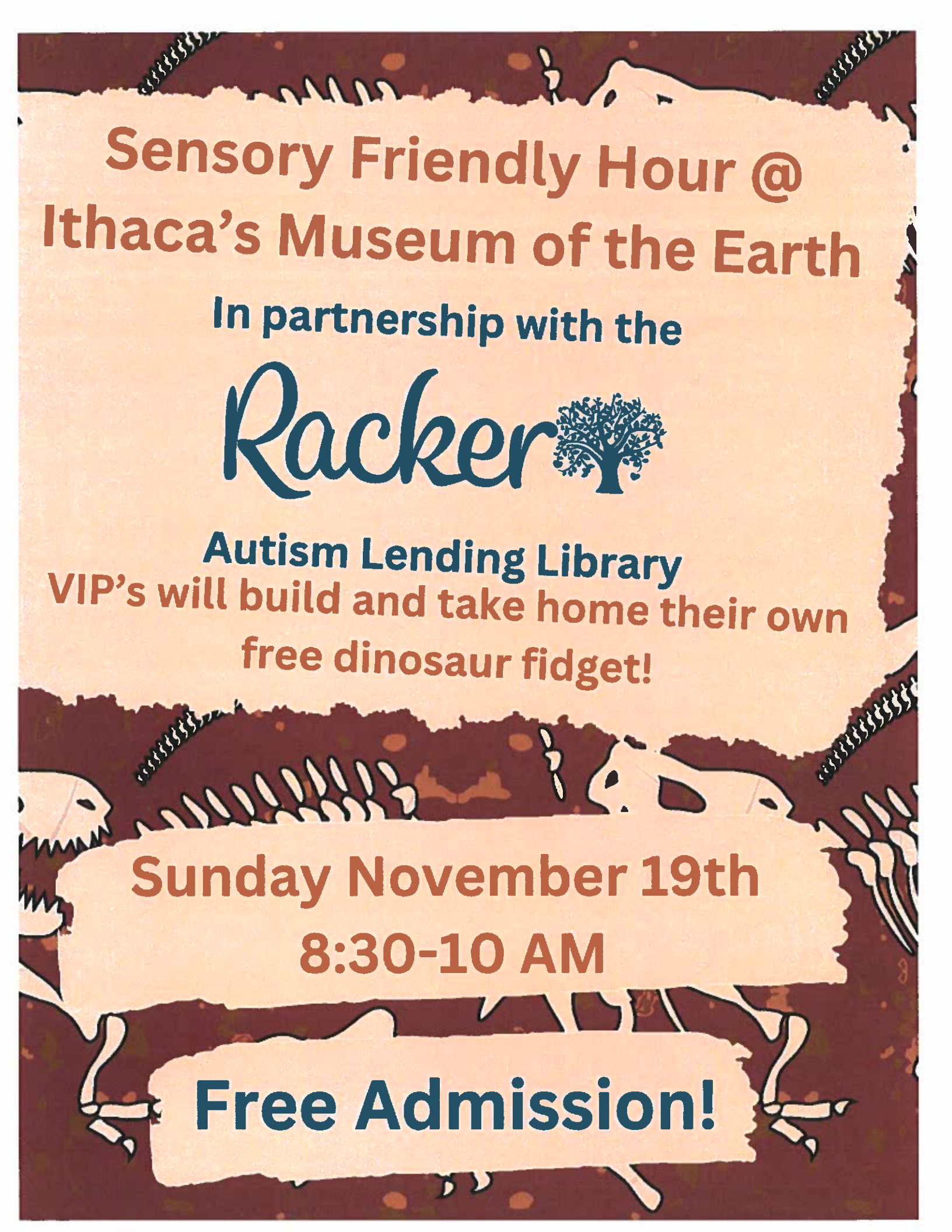
Guidehouse will issue its final report in Spring 2024.

To see the first Guidehouse report and learn more about the study of Managed Care, [visit the OPWDD Managed Care Assessment page](#).



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NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities
September 2023

The background of the entire poster is a dark brown color with a white line-art illustration of a dinosaur skeleton. The skeleton is shown from the side, with its head at the top, neck, spine, and tail visible. The ribs and pelvic/leg bones are also depicted. The text is overlaid on this background.

Sensory Friendly Hour @ Ithaca's Museum of the Earth

In partnership with the

Racker 

Autism Lending Library

VIP's will build and take home their own
free dinosaur fidget!

Sunday November 19th

8:30-10 AM

Free Admission!



DECEMBER 20
WEDNESDAY 6PM
WITH
CINDY KAY
LICENSED CREATIVE ARTS THERAPIST

Join Us for an hour of guided play to help families build connection!



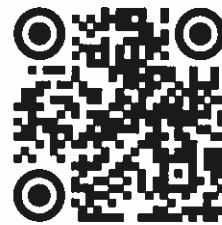
882 NYS Rt. 13
CORTLAND
AND ZOOM

Must be a VIP to receive **FREE** Lego set :



VIP

- *OPWDD Diagnosis
- *FSS Eligible
- *Enrolled in the Lending Library



REGISTRATION

To enroll, please contact Chriss1@racker.org

PWDD SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
November 14th, 2023
VIA Hybrid
SIGN IN SHEET

****Please list your email address and phone number****

NAME	EMAIL / PHONE
✓ Gabby Ayres	
✓ Jennifer	
✓ Shannon Westbrook	
✓ Gayle Pado	
✓ John Moss	
✓ John Crosby	
✓ Kim Bailey Pineda	DSS
✓ Karen Warfle	
✓ Sina Lounsbury	
✓ Emily Jackson	
✓ Evelyn Varra	
✓ Vicki Fergus	
✓ Tricia Tomm	