

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

APPROVED

November 17th, 2022

Via Hybrid

Member Fran Bialy
Attendance: Bob Williams
Larissa Brower
Tina Lounsbury
Shawn Nalepa
Carolyn Galatzan

Guests:

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

Attendance:

Meeting called to order at 9:34am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from September 2022

Discussion: Approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Lori provided the following updates:

- OASAS Grant
 - Applied for Grant
 - 2 SUV's for department
 - Therapy tools
 - Regional office is passing application up to the next level
- MAT Program
 - Program is in place and running
- Received a 3-year OASAS license
- Staffing
 - Alex Powers in Tioga Central Schools two days a week
 - Promoted to Sr. CSW
 - Erinne Gibson (contract) in SVE Middle School
 - One clinician is on leave
 - Have two Open Access clinicians
- Recruitment and retention discussed at length
- Fall Conference
 - State submitted Medicaid plan to the Federal government
 - Supported Housing to be Medicaid billable
 - OMH would be the biller

- BHCC, IPA and value-based payments discussed
- Brief overview given
- Crisis can come into clinic at any time
- Executive Order
 - No telephone therapy as of 9/2/22
 - OMH working on getting telephone therapy passed as a new regulation
- Healthcare Worker Bonus
 - All attestations have been submitted
 - Bonus explained
 - Funding to be received in Medicaid remittance payment
 - Eligible employees will not receive bonus until the funds are received downtown
 - Eligible employees can apply for two vesting periods per year

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – Fran Bialy

Discussion: Subcommittee Highlights

- OPWDD
 - Presentation in January by YAI regarding the CSIDD program
- MH
 - Nothing new to report
- ASA
 - Overdoses – 5 opioid in October
 - YTD: 2021 – 44 2022 – 31

Status: Informational Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: MAT Program – Shawn Nalepa

- Currently have 13 individuals in the program
- Continuing to work on Federal inmates
 - Marshalls will not allow participation at this writing
- Discharged a participant for the first time
 - Left jail with 7 days of medication via Trinity
 - Individual was already working with Trinity
- Medicaid is not issued until individual is released
- No maximum number for program participants
- Started with 4 and now up to 13 currently
- Jails cannot stop dispensing medications to an individual if they divert the meds
- Seeing strange “meth-like” reactions in those taking the Suboxone
 - Two individuals tested and only Suboxone was in their system
- Program pretty successful thus far
- Jennifer Michael from Oneida County is running Tele Health in the Jail

Lori has a meeting with the CARS people on Tuesday, 11/22/22 regarding Mobil Methadone. Shawn would like to be included in the meeting as well. Sue to send the invitation to Shawn.

Other Updates:

- Dr. Bezirgianian is doing some 730's but they have slowed down
 - Just received another 730 request yesterday
- Clinic has a lot of individuals on continued care
- Noted Dr. Nichols has announced he will be retiring
 - Clinic may see an influx of clients

Topic: New Business

Discussion: TAM (Threat Assessment Meeting) – Robert Williams

- Under Executive Order, all counties need to have a policy in place
- TAM came out of the shooting event in Buffalo
- County received \$172,000 to develop this policy
- Legislature appointed Mike Simmons to be the point person
- Consultant Paul Gardner, retired FBI, to assist in drawing up the policy
- Policy needs to be filed by 12/31/22
- Policy needs to be reviewed with stakeholders
- Possible Stakeholders:
 - Shelters (Domestic Violence)
 - Mental Hygiene
 - Schools
 - Law Enforcement
 - District Attorney
 - Probation
 - Department of Social Services
 - Family Court
 - Stray Haven
 - Veterans Services
 - American Legion
 - Veterans of Foreign War
 - Key private sector employers
- Chenango County is doing a 'Team' aspect and developed a form
 - Team to review and come up with an assessment of an individual
 - Referral forms and training for what to report to take place
 - Fire, EMS & Police ideally to have forms
 - Possible trainings for schools and other agencies
- Tioga County is communicating with other counties
- More information to come

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:55am. There will not be a December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th, 2023 at 9:30am.

