

AGENDA

Tioga County Community Services Board

PWDD Subcommittee

August 9th, 2022

Hybrid

9:00- 10:30am

AGENDA TOPICS

Review and approve minutes

John Crosby

DDSO/DDRO Report

Vickie Fergus

Director's Report

Lori Morgan, LCSW-R

Achieve Report

FSS Report

CCO Reports

Racker Report

Gayle Pado

Catholic Charities

Gabriella Ayres

Self-Advocacy Report

Other Business

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 13th, 2022

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

PENDING APPROVAL

Subcommittee meeting date: May 10th, 2022

Via Hybrid

Member: John Crosby
Attendance: Evelyn Vavra
Vickie Fergus
Megan Kaminski

Guest: Tricia Tomm
Attendance: Nancy Ranger
Emily Jackson

Mental Hygiene: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Staff Attendance: Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director (minutes)

Meeting called to order at: 9:07am

Topic: Review of March & April 2022 Minutes – Approved as written

Category: Reports

Topic: DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion: Data Update:

Service	April
Front Door	1
Eligibility Packets	4
Housing – Emergent	1
Approved Self Directed	
Budgets	3
Com Hab	3
Prevoc	1

Follow-up:

- Article 16 clinic – Binghamton
 - Psychiatry services – no waiting list
 - Psychology & counseling – 50 on list for counseling
 - Hiring an additional Social Worker for counseling
 - Currently experiencing a lot of no shows – efforts being made to decrease that number
- CSIDD Crisis Services
 - YAI Crisis Team for Region 2
 - New office in Syracuse
 - All referrals on hold until team is trained & certified in START

Program

- Ivy Lewis available to present the YAI program.
 - Ivy.Lewis@yai.org
 - Sue to email Ivy to request a presentation
- Lori Morgan would like to receive all eligibility information for those who are found eligible and ineligible.
 - Vickie to speak to the head of the Eligibility Department

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

- Discussion:
- Lori attended the Mental Health Directors conference in Saratoga
 - Face mask mandate extended
 - Review of various regulations
 - Questions for Vickie
 - IRA's – increased beds – did that expire on 4/14/22?
 - Training flexibilities for staff – set to expire 5/16/22?
 - Vickie to research
 - Clinic
 - Budget is good
 - No waiting lists despite staff shortages

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Not Present

Topic: FSS Report – Not Present

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Life Plan – Nancy Ranger

- More home and face to face visits
- COVID education & boosters
- No wait list
- Accepting referrals

Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Face to face meetings
- Virtual & Phone calls continue
- Increase of COVID among staff & clients

Southern Tier Connect – Emily Jackson

- Face to face meeting for those who prefer
- Meetings in different places such as parks
- Taking referrals
- New intake coordinator, Jennifer Johnson starting in the June for the Western Region

Status Informational - Complete

Topic: Rackers – Megan Kaminsky

Discussion: Updates:

- Self-Direction
 - No waiting lists, taking referrals
 - Budget approvals coming in quickly
- Community Hab
 - Struggling with staffing
 - Taking referrals
 - Small wait list
- Residential
 - Staffing stable in Tioga County
 - Starry Night opening this weekend

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Not Present

Topic Self-Advocacy – Not Present

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:44am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th, 2022 at 9:00am.

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

PENDING APPROVAL

Subcommittee meeting date: June 14th, 2022

Via Hybrid

Member: Evelyn Vavra
Attendance: Vickie Fergus
 Gayle Pado
 Tina Lounsbury
Guest: Tricia Tomm
Attendance:
Mental Hygiene: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Staff Attendance: Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director (minutes)

Meeting called to order at: 9:15am due to technical difficulties

Topic: Review of May 2022 Minutes – No Quorum

Category: Reports

Topic: DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion: Data Update:

Service	May
Front Door	3
Eligibility Packets	1
Housing – Emergent	1
Approved Self Directed	
Budgets	3
Com Hab	3

Follow-up:

- 507 Plan (5 yr. plan for PWDD services) Reviewed
 - Section 507 of the Mental Health Law
 - Hearings held on 6/8 & 6/9/22
 - Forums to be held
 - Goals & Objectives discussed
 - 507 Plan details on the OPWDD website
- Get Outdoors & Get Together Event
 - Held on 6/11/22 – 10am to 2pm
 - Inclusive day of fund in various parks
 - Locally: Tunkhannock Falls & Roger Environmental Education Center

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Continuing to struggle with workforce issues
- Nothing new to report on the Budget
 - 2023 budget process has started
 - Budget neutral is the standing order
- Reviews from May Meeting Questions:
 - Lori Morgan again asked to receive all eligibility information for those found eligible and ineligible. DCS's are entitled to this information. She is more interested in the denials
 - Vickie spoke to Helen Schatz and no answers given to date
 - Lori is more interested in the denials
 - IRA's were set to expire in April – did they?
 - Training Flexibility for Staff status
 - Vickie requested all questions be emailed to Helen Schatz directly.

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Not Present

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Regional FSS is on break for the summer
 - Reconvening in September
 - New reimbursements will change what the committee needs to do
 - Visiting providers over the summer
- State FSS
 - June meeting postponed
 - Unallocated monies to be addressed
 - Funds to be redistributed
 - Next meeting is in July
 - OPWDD meeting in June to discuss monies

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Face to face meetings
- Preparing individuals for end of the public health emergency
 - Transitioning back from virtual to face to face
- New enrollments

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Rackers – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Changes in reimbursement dollars for families
 - Sessions to be held regarding changes
- Library Over-hall
 - Making larger & unique
- No waiting list for
- Staffing issues
- Reimbursement dollars to be distributed

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Not Present

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Not Present

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:45am. No meeting in July. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 at 9:00am.