

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

APPROVED

Subcommittee meeting date: August 2nd, 2024

Via Hybrid

Member John Bezirganian, MD

Attendance: Carolyn Galatzan
Tina Lounsbury
Larissa Brower

Guest Nadia Constant

Attendance:

Mental Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services

Hygiene Sue Graves (minutes)

Staff Attendance:

Category: Minutes for June 2024 – No Quorum

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Waverly Site
 - Ceilings, painting, floors are in. Carpet being installed
 - Employee parking lot has been paved
 - May be in by October/November 2024
 - Furniture being purchased with the Mental Hygiene portion of the Abatement money
 - Grand Opening at some point
- Tioga Central School District Contract
 - Lori met with Josh Roe
 - Several discussions took place with the State
 - State said the school could not hire directly
 - School currently has no Social Worker staff
 - Mental Hygiene is aggressively advertising to fill those positions
- State Plan
 - Plan submitted with no changes
- Mobile Crisis
 - Increased the headcount by two in July

- Senior Clinical Social Worker & Mental Health Peer
 - Plan submitted with no response
 - April – could move forward with program but couldn't bill
 - Plan approved six weeks ago
 - Deadline given during quarterly call of year end to use \$600,000
 - Lori asked and was given an extension to use funding by the end of 2025
 - Program must be self-sustaining by the end of the grant
 - If found to not be self-sustaining, employees hired for the program will be absorbed into the clinic
 - Would like the ability to do virtual crisis
- OMH Audit
 - Overall, the Mental Health clinic did a great job
 - Auditors impressed with the paperwork
 - Waiting on correction action plan from OMH
 - Lori & Sarah held a lunch for staff
- Spencer School Support Program
 - Lara Rogan was hired on 7/15/24 and has started
- SOS Meetings
 - Lori has been attending
 - Larissa shared RSS has hired two Care Managers and a Peer
 - A clinician interview scheduled for Monday
 - Treatment plans to be done every 90 days once individual is housed
- Hea Hea
 - Permission granted by the Legislature to pass thru \$100,000 to assist in restarting their program

Status:

Informational – Complete

Topic:

Hea Hea – Nadia Constant

Discussion:

Updates:

- Very grateful for all the support they have received
- Anticipating the first quarter of 2025 to start, but could be as early as November 2024
- In-network with insurance companies
- Recruiting taking place
- Grant awarded for staff training

- Partnering with Binghamton University to develop a program for their students
 - Virtual and on-site
 - Contracting with Carelon (insurance company)
- May apply for an Article 31 to treat eating disorder individuals
- Partial Hospitalization
 - Two tracts – AM group and PM group 3-4 hours per day

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: RSS – Larissa Brower

Discussion: Updates:

- Hiring for a Management position for the Apartment Program
- Currently 18 EPT beds in Tompkins County and looking for a supervisor to oversee that
- Reviewed all the services RSS provides to individuals including the Social Club

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:41am. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 6th, 2024, at 9:00am.

