

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

**Pending Approval**

**Subcommittee meeting date: January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

***Via Hybrid***

Member Fran Bialy  
Attendance: Sue Medina  
Tina Lounsbury  
Larissa Brower

Guest Nadia Constant  
Attendance:

Mental Hygiene Staff Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services  
Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services  
Angel Deyo-Cruz, Corporate Compliance Officer  
Sue Graves (minutes)

Category: Minutes for December – Approved as written

Topic: Director’s Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Waverly Site
  - Clinic is open and running
  - Looking for staff
- Medica Director
  - On medical leave currently
  - Coverage plans & ideas shared
  - Fran to Chair the MH Subcommittee for the meantime
- Budget
  - Decent return to the County
  - Some funding to be transferred back to help with psychiatrist issues
- Community Services Board
  - Doctor needed to sit on the Board
  - Suggestions on possible fill-ins

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Deputy Director Report – Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Updates:

- Staff
  - Mobile Crisis Social Worker hired
  - Looking for a certified Peer Advocate
  - Clinician hired for the Spencer Middle School
  - Lost a CSW in the Waverly clinic
  - Posting for two positions
  - Aggressive staff search planned
    - Fran suggested “Glass Door” for candidates
    - Facebook postings as well
- Trainings
  - Staff completed the Rainbow Room – LGBTQ+ training
- Census
  - Waverly is unclear currently
  - Waiting for OASAS licensure
    - Wording change in lease completed
    - Inspections being completed

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Other Updates

Discussion: Hea Hea – Nadia Constant

- Received a grant from Tioga Downs
- Recruiting for Social Workers
- No OMH visit to date
- Revamping recruiting process
- Open House scheduled for 1/30/25
  - Face to face meeting with support partners
  - Info to be sent via email
- Handling technical issues between MAC and Microsoft 365
  - Signed up for Apple technical support
- Hoping to have a marketing campaign up and running by next week

Public Health – Sue Medina

- “Credible Minds” – getting contract in place
  - Training staff

ASAP Coalition – Sue Medina

- Kristin has started the YES groups in Candor & Spencer schools

- Meeting with students to get their views on what is going on as well as needs

RSS – Larissa Brower

- SOS has been busy – caseloads increasing
  - Hired a Care Manager with another in process
  - Hiring a clinician
  - Ithaca office is doing well – covering Tioga County too
- PIT Count coming up
  - Team lead out of Cortland County – also oversees Tioga County
  - Tompkin/Tioga will take the lead on the count
  - PIT count explained
- The Ranch is open for dinners, showers, laundry and warming station
  - No housing yet
  - Issues with Code

A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy

- Staffing is back up with an Advocate starting a couple weeks ago

Adult Protective – Tina Lounsbury

- Hiring a new case worker to help handle the influx of those in need.

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Other Discussion

Discussion: All agreed to keep the meeting time at 9:15am going forward.

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:48am. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:15am.

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