

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

Subcommittee meeting date: October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Via Hybrid

Member Kim Bailey-Poreda

Attendance: Gabriella Ayers

Evelyn Vavra

Gayle Pado

Tina Lounsbury

Vicke Fergus

John Crosby

Guest Anne Seepersaud

Attendance: Karen Warfle

Nick Warfle

Denise Brennan

Tricia Tomm

Teresa Edwards

Mental Hygiene Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director

Staff Attendance:

Meeting called to order at: 9:08am

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Topic: Review of September 2024 Minutes – Approved as written

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion: Updates:

- Home & Community Based Waiver renewal approved
  - Effective 10/1/24 – 9/30/2029
  - 100,000 OPWDD individuals will benefit
  - Includes an amendment & technical changes
  - Waiver explained
- Final Guide House Report available on OPWDD website
- New advocacy services office in development
  - New Director
  - Recruiting for positions
  - Staff to be on board soon
  - Services Reviewed

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director's Report – Sue Graves for Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Hoping to open Waverly Site sometime in November

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Not Present

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Statewide Family Support Council meeting held 9/25
  - RFP progress & timeline reviewed
- Update given on numerous programs
- October is National Disabilities Awareness Month

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Updates:

Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Focusing on the clinical component with individuals
- Care Management Appreciation next week

Southern Tier Connect – Not Present

Lifeplan – Anne Seepersaud

- Focusing on clinical supports and medical for

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Racker Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- October Events schedule distributed to all subcommittee members
  - Trunk or Treat Resource Fair in Owego 10/29
- Racker will be moving to the Depot by the end of October

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

Discussion: Updates:

- Halloween Dance October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-7pm at the Owego Moose Club

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Karen & Nick Warfle

Discussion: Updates:

- Housing approval delayed
  - Process is cumbersome

- Karen reviewed numerous activities her son Nick is participating in
- The Binghamton Philharmonic offering free tickets for Achieve clients

John Crosby stated self-advocacy is an important voice for this forum. The group needs to hear how services are working for these individuals

Voice of the 607 needs to find someone to represent their group at the subcommittee.

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:31am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:00am.

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