

TIOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

MH – ASA – OPWDD Subcommittee Meeting

February 4th, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Via: Hybrid

- **Review and approve January 2025 meeting minutes**
- **Director's Report**
- **Deputy Director's Report**
- **Clinical Director's Report**
- **Mental Health Report – Fran Bialy, Chair**
 - A New Hope Center Report
 - RSS Report
 - Public Health
 - HeaHea Report
 - Additional Updates
- **ASA Report - Kylie Holochak, Chair**
 - Trinity Report
 - ASAP Coalition Report
 - Coroner/EMS Report
 - Sheriff's Office Report
 - Additional Updates
- **OPWDD Report – John Crosby, Chair**
 - DDSR/DDRO Report
 - Achieve Report
 - FSS Report
 - CCO Reports
 - Racker Report
 - Catholic Charities Report
 - Self-Advocacy Report
 - Other Business
- **Additional Group Discussion**
- **Adjournment**

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 7th, 2025

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

Pending Approval

Subcommittee meeting date: January 3rd, 2025

Via Hybrid

Member Attendance: Fran Bialy
Sue Medina
Tina Lounsbury
Larissa Brower

Guest Attendance: Nadia Constant

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 7th, 2025, at 9:15am.

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

PENDING APPROVAL

Meeting date: November 12th, 2024

Via Hybrid

Member: Kylie Holochak
Attendance: Laura Smith
Bob Williams

Guest: Erica Robinson

Attendance: Mental Hygiene Staff
Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services
Danielle Fabregas, Clinical Program Director
Attendance: Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director (minutes)

Meeting called to order at 10:32am

Category: Meeting Minutes
Topic: Review of the November 2024 Minutes – Approved as written

Category: Reports

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Waverly Site
 - Open and running
 - Updated verbiage in lease at OASAS request
 - ADS services will start once license is received
- Staffing
 - Danielle Fabregas is the new Clinical Program Director
 - Dr. Bezirgianian to retire due to health issues
 - Once well, he will come back as a contract employee
- Consolidated Subcommittee meetings
 - Would be beneficial for all disciplines to meet together
 - Mental Health & OPWDD are on board
 - ASA Subcommittee in agreement
 - All subcommittees will have their perspective chair present
 - Starting in February
 - Down two staff members in the OASAS program
 - Date pending room availability

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Deputy Director Report – Sarah Begeal

Discussion

Updates:

- OASAS Audit
 - 3-year license obtained
 - Happy with program overall
- Staffing
 - Seeking to fill openings
 - Open Access is extremely busy
 - Porshea will do assessments in the field once her CASAC is obtained
 - Mobile Crisis Social Worker starting 2/10/25
 - Looking for a Mental Health Peer

Status:

Informational - Complete

Topic:

Clinical Program Director – Danielle Fabregas

Discussion:

Updates:

- Census
 - 109 Admitted clients
 - 30 Continued Care
 - 15 Peer Only
- 154 Total for ADS

Status:

Informational - Complete

Topic:

CASA-Trinity Report – Laura Smith

Discussion:

Updates:

- School programs continue
 - Teen Intervene still taking place
 - Pilot Group at Owego Elementary
- Starting Parenting courses cross county via Zoom
 - Going well
- ESPRT – kid screening at doctors' offices
 - Referrals to Teen Intervene

Status:

Informational – Complete

Topic:

Coroner/EMS – Bob Williams

Discussion:

Updates:

- Coroner
 - Other coroner has had 1 alcohol related death; Bob has had 3 recently
 - Suicide rate high last year
 - Starting again already
 - Suicide yesterday – GSW- waiting on toxicology

Informational - Complete

Status: TC ASAP Coalition & Public Health – Kylie Holochak

Topic: Updates:

- Emerging Drug Trends
 - Reviewed conference information at coalition meeting
- Hoping to continue environmental scans
- Workgroups starting again in February
- Second PAN box at the Boys & Girls Club per their request
 - Sarah requested another PAN box for the Waverly office
- Continue with application grants
- Budget modifications sent for all three grants
- CADCA Leadership meeting in Washington DC
 - Kylie & Kristin attending

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Public Health – Kylie Holochak

Discussion Updates:

- Credible Minds site being configured

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:56am. The next meeting will be announced for February.

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

PENDING APPROVAL

Subcommittee meeting date: January 14th, 2025

Via Hybrid

Member John Crosby
Attendance: Gabriella Ayers
 Beth Astranskas

Guest Anne Seepersaud
Attendance: Karen Warfle
 Denise Brennan
 Tricia Tomm

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

Meeting called to order at: 9:06am

Topic: Review of the November 2024 Minutes – Approved as written

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Beth Astranskas

Discussion: Updates:
 • No new report outs

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:
 • Waverly clinic had their Grand Opening
 o Clinic is open and running
 • Proposed combined subcommittee meetings
 o Lori explained why combining would benefit all
 ▪ Great way to collaborate
 o Mental Health Subcommittee agrees
 o OPWDD agreed as well
 o Plan is to start in February

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Shannon Westbrook via email

Discussion: Updates:
 ▪ Day Hab

- 22 individuals enrolled
- 1 referral waiting to start
- 1 graduating this year or next
- 1 possible transfer from Broome Day Hab
- Day Hab Without Walls
 - 7 individuals enrolled
 - 4 referrals waiting on SART approval
 - 1 intake scheduled
- Future renovations being discussed
 - Recertifying to provide services to additional individuals
- Currently looking for on-call staff
 - Staff & program attendees volunteering at Nursing home, Courier, Mission & Waterman's
- Outings include weekly mall walks, bowling, lunch outings & delivering mail to different ACHIEVE sites

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: FSS Report – Not Present

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Updates:

Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Wrapping up 2024
- Focusing on the clinical component high risk/high hospital users
- CCO Designation Audit wrapping up

Lifeplan – Anne Seepersaud

- Focusing on preventing hospitalizations
- Focusing on quality

Discussion ensued regarding the difference between Care Coordination and Managed Care. Managed Care was paused in September/October and currently not being pursued.

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Racker Report – Not Present

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

Discussion: Updates:

- Accepting new referrals in Tioga County except for after school
- Accepting referrals at Tompkins County
- Obtained a food truck
 - Opportunity for individuals to learn and work at the truck
 - Broome County has a waiting list

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Karen Warfle

Discussion: Updates:

- Obtained services through Racker
- Benefitting from numerous services
- Karen sending information on the Isaac Program out of Toronto Canada
- Nick obtained housing in Broome County
- John would still like Karen to participate in the subcommittee meeting

Status: Informational – Complete

Other

Discussion: John would like to have individuals who are receiving OPWDD services at the table as well. Ideas discussed on what organizations to approach for individuals.

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:34am. The next meeting will be in February. Details to follow.

DRAFT

