

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

APPROVED

Subcommittee meeting date: February 8th, 2022

Via Hybrid

Member John Crosby
Attendance: Tina Lounsbury
 Gayle Pado
 Evelyn Vavra
 Vanessa Smith
 Megan Kaminski

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

Meeting called to order at: 9:08am

Topic: Review of November & January Minutes – Approved as written

Category: Reports

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Vanessa Smith

Discussion: Data Update:

Service	January
Eligibility	1
Front Door	0
NY Connects	0
Crisis	1
Com Hab/Day Hab	0
Housing – Emergent	1
Substantial	4
Current	8
Self-Direction	1 (113 Total)
Employment Services	0

Updates:

- Vince Schmitt is the Deputy Director for Region 2
- Paula Millard & Vanessa Smith promoted to DDCS 4
 - Contact sheet being developed
- CSIDD Services – coming to Region 2 this spring
 - Developing in region – hiring staff
 - Forums being set up

- Hoping to roll out in April 2022

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director’s Report –Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- 2021 Budget for Mental Hygiene finished strong
- Workforce funding to be used for training
- Conference analyzing proposed budget
- County Plan is being reformatted
 - May be ready in July
 - Can opt out of completing for this year
 - Possibly complete a COVID survey instead
 - Lori requested all to review 2022 goals & objectives

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Not present

Topic: FSS Report - Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Statewide Group
 - Focus on FSS reimbursement administration
 - Chair met with the Commissioner on 2/4/22
 - Commissioner meeting with their staff
- Regional Counsel
 - Few new members at the regional level
 - Looking for additional families

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Life Plan – Nancy Ranger

- Continuing with COVID education and outreach
- Links sent for free COVID tests
- Recording COVID & Flu information into EHR
- Offering face to face and at home visits

ST Connects & Prime Care – Not Present

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Racker – Gayle Pado & Megan Kaminski

Discussion: Updates:

- Virtual Trainings

- “Family Reimbursement” on 2/24/22 at 6:30pm
- Independence Workshops
 - “Finance & Budgeting” on 2/17/22
 - “Community Safety Part 1” in March
 - All trainings listed on website
- Housing in Ithaca slated to open in January 2021
- Individuals coming off of waiting lists
- Self-Direction
 - Hoping to recruit more individuals for teen program
 - Currently have three in teen program
 - Adult program going strong
 - Need a moderator for adult program

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabriella Ayers

Discussion: Updates:

- Seven referrals received for Com Hab
- Increase in staffing
- Opened a booth at Eddies Emporium in Vestal

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Megan Kaminski

Discussion: Updates:

- Hosting Autism Library Tours
- Setting up Sensory Hours
 - Open to Rackers & FSS individuals

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Other Business - None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:38am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 9:00am.

