

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

Subcommittee meeting date: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

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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.

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