

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

APPROVED

August 18th, 2022

Via Hybrid

Member John Bezirgianian, MD
Attendance: Bob Williams
 Fran Bialy
 Larissa Brower
 Tina Lounsbury

Guests:

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

Meeting called to order at 9:32am

Category: Meeting Minutes

Topic: Review of minutes from June 2022

Discussion: No Quorum

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Lori provided the following updates:

- Work from home policy
 - Organizing a committee to create a proposal for the Legislature and Union
- PESI Staff Training held
 - Paid for with Workforce Grant funding
- Criminal Psych
 - Currently have zero
- Budget
 - Submitted 8/17/22
 - Neutral except for salary and fringe
- MAT Program
 - Required to submit a more detailed plan by 9/2/22
 - Meeting scheduled for next week with jail staff, Trinity & Peter DeWind
 - Contract includes doctor & prescribers hours
 - Jail increased pharmacy benefit
 - Will be a Methadone Clinic as well
 - \$60,000 being passed through from Mental Hygiene to CASA Trinity to help meet the need for the program
 - Program is to be up and running by 10/7/22

- Healthcare Worker Bonus Program
 - State mandated program
 - Meeting last week with department heads and union
 - \$1,000 fine per incident if bonus's not given
 - Individuals must have worked an entire vesting period to be eligible
 - Funding will be channeled through Medicaid reimbursement
 - One employer per account
 - Downtown involved in process as well
 - Fringe is not included in the dollars
 - Money is considered a bonus
- Peace of Mind Grant
 - Tioga Central & Spencer VanEtten applied for a grant and both were awarded
 - Meeting with each school on Friday to discuss what they are seeking regarding counseling services
- Staff
 - Erica Kylor starting 9/26/22 as a Sr. Clinical Social Worker – Open Access
 - Mike Cooke promoted to Supervising Clinical Social Worker for School Based Program
 - Kristine Oliver hired PT through Helio for the Newark Valley School System
 - Deirdre Ballard, School Based Program at SVE resigned. Last day was 8/17/22
 - Mike Cooke's wife passed unexpectedly on Sunday (8/14)
- Interns
 - Fordham University – Anthony Hill, CASAC interning in MH Department
 - Binghamton University – Louise Henley interning in the MH Department
 - Both will be interning under Stacy Cannavino in the Waverly Office
- RSS – Drop In Center Funds
 - Earmarked money needs to be spend before the end of the year
 - Larissa to send email to Lori on her plan on how the money will be spent
- Walk-ins & Open Access
 - Triaging currently due to staff shortages
 - Open Access is extremely busy
 - Expecting to go back to normal with the addition of new hires
 - Lori is very proud of the department's performance through this challenging time.
- Opioid Settlement Dollars
 - Lori spoke with Peter DeWind on 8/17/22
 - She will have a seat at the table when spending is being
 - NYS has \$200 million
 - Conference wants to advocate for how the funding is spent
 - Hoping housing is part of the plan
- 2023 County Plan
 - Interim plan is due in October
 - Minimum of three goals for each discipline
 - Forms are currently not available
 - New system for next year. Plan will looks radically different
- Fall CLMDH Conference - October
 - Lori & Sarah to attend in Rochester
 - October's CSB to be decided at the September meeting

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – Dr. Bezirgianian

Discussion: Subcommittee Highlights

- OPWDD
 - Lori is waiting on the list of individuals who get denied
 - DCS's have the right to request the list of who is accepted as well as denied. (Names & reasons for denial)
 - Lori has asked for this information a couple of times now.
 - Vickie Fergus from OPWDD is taking Lori's request to a higher level.
 - Lori is still waiting for a response

Status: Informational Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates

- CSB Membership
 - Discussion ensued
 - Tina Lounsbury to take ideas/suggestions
- New Active Shooter Mandate
 - Funding of \$172 thousand per year
 - Teams to be developed to write policies
 - Fran Bialy would like to be involved
 - Lori reminded the group the county's current plan so the team wouldn't have to start from scratch
 - Plan is to be in place by the end of December

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:06am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15th, 2022 at 9:30am.

