

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

**Pending Approval**

**Subcommittee meeting date: June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

***Via Hybrid***

Member: John Bezirganian, MD

Attendance: Carolyn Galatzan

Tina Lounsbury

Sue Medina

Larissa Brower

Fran Bialy

Guest: Amanda Howlett

Attendance:

Mental: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services

Hygiene: Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services

Staff Attendance: Cathy Healy, Clinical Program Director

Sue Graves (minutes)

Category: Minutes for May 2024 – Approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Waverly Site
  - Concrete being poured and sheet rock up
  - Plumbing repairs completed
- Tioga Central School District Contract
  - No movement to date
  - State to reach out to Superintendent
  - Licensed site but no services
  - Site shut down is a possibility
- New County Administrator
  - Jackson Bailey hired and will be starting his new role in July
- State Plan
  - No feedback received to date
  - Amendments to plan are due June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- Mobile Crisis
  - Plan approved yesterday (6/6/24)
  - Moving forward with hiring a Peer and Senior Clinical Social Worker
  - Resolution to be done for additional headcount
  - Purchasing an additional vehicle
  - Program funded for two years
- Resolution regarding 730's
  - Formulated at the Counsel level
  - Asked legislature to pass
  - Reso being done in all counties
    - Tompkins county seeing a surge in cases
  - Peter DeWind, County Attorney attending the Magistrate meetings to explain what 730's are as well as their purpose
  - Lori agreed to attend as well

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Deputy Director - Sarah Begeal

Discussion: Updates:

- Lori & Sarah attended the 3-day TAM (Threat Assessment Management) trainings
- Program explained
- Fran Bialy also attended along with Public Health, Law Enforcement, Probation, Schools & other surrounding county representatives
- Very comprehensive program

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Clinical Program Director – Cathy Healy

Discussion: Updates:

- Staffing
  - Potential new hire for Spencer Schools in the final stages of the background check process
  - Looking for additional therapists
- OMH site review scheduled for this summer

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Public Health Updates – Sue Medina

- Public Health Educator for DFC & Coalition starting June 17<sup>th</sup>
- Tabeing with the Coalition at the Strawberry Festival
- Connected with STAP for a mobile unit in Tioga County
  - Connected with David from the Open Door Mission
  - Van will be located outside the Red Door in Waverly
  - Cathy requested referrals be directed to the clinic
- Ban on flavored vapes but are still being sold
  - No legislation in order to enforce
- Reality Check Program
  - Still in Owego Schools
  - Program promotes the reasons not to use tobacco products
  - Group reports to Albany

RSS Updates – Larissa Brower

- Current openings
  - 1 at the Community Residence
  - 2 in the Apartment Program
- Working on getting another apartment certified
- Referrals accepted from other counties

Amanda shared they have 4 Tioga County residents at the Cortland halfway house. Lori stated she would love to have a halfway house here in Tioga County as she has tried to get one here in the past. It is still on the Plan.

SOS Program Updates – Amanda Howlett

- Stakeholder meeting held yesterday (6/6/24)
- Have 2½ staff in Cortland with the ½ becoming fulltime in July
- Posting a LMSW position
- EHR not approved by the state yet
- No phone number for referrals to date
- Moved into a new building after Memorial Day
  - A lot of technical issues
- Daily afternoon trainings with the State
- Waiting for the State to offer SOS Training for new hires
- Met with Pastor Jay at the foundry location

Lori shared there are health concerns regarding the homeless staying at that location as it is a brownfield. More to come on this issue

#### Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition Updates – Fran Bialy

- Huge group for the first meeting
- Set up three sub-groups
  - Met with the QPR group yesterday
  - Meeting with the other two soon
- Getting people to take ownership of the coalition
- Next meeting in July
- Fran & Wendy Arnold pulling it together with Wendy phasing out in the fall

#### Hea Hea Updates – Lori Morgan

- Hea Hea is working with OMH and getting help finding grants
- Working with SUNY Binghamton for an outpatient program for college age individuals
- Trying to credential with insurance companies
  - Not a lot of disorder or partial hospitalization clinics
  - Insurance companies do not pay a lot for these types of services

#### Upcoming Events – Group Input

- Tioga County Government Expo
  - June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10a-2p at the County Car Wash Building on Delphine Street
- Tioga County Veterans PTSD Fair
  - June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Newark Valley Trout Ponds
- Strawberry Festival
  - June 15<sup>th</sup> downtown Owego
- Tioga County Fair
  - August 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> at Marvin Park, Owego
- Health Fair – Office of the Aging
  - August or September

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:59pm. There will not be a meeting held in July.

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