

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

APPROVED

Subcommittee meeting date: October 11th, 2022

Via Hybrid

Member Evelyn Vavra
Attendance: John Crosby
Gayle Pado
Vicki Fergus

Guest Tricia Tomm
Attendance: Anne Seepersaud
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 September 2022 Minutes – approved as written

Category: Reports

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion: Updates

Service – Tioga County	September
Front Door Inquiries	10
Eligibility Packets	2
Crisis	1
Approved Self-Direction	2

- New COVID guidance issued on 9/14 for isolation/quarantine for OPWDD certified facilities
 - Masks not required in facilities or during transport
- 507 Plan reviewed
 - November 1st, 2022 final plan to be submitted to Governor for review
- HCBS Waiver
 - 7/15 extended the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency for 90 days.
 - Runs through mid-October
 - 60 days' notice prior to end of the Public Health emergency
 - No notice received to date
 - Flexibilities still in play

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- Submitting paperwork for an OASAS Grant
- Working on the County Plan
 - Will be emailed to the subcommittees and Board before it is sent to the State.
- No changes for county budget
- Attending the Mental Health Directors Conference next week

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Not present

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Regional counsel looking for new members
- Open Public meeting is Tuesday, October 25th, 12-2pm
 - Updates & survey results

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Continue face to face visits
- In schools
- Flu shot season – tracking data
- New enrollments – none for Tioga County
- Currently full staff

ST Connects – Not present

Life Plan – Anne Seepersaud

- Supporting over 240 members in Tioga County
- No wait list for people seeking to enroll
- Completing home visits and seeing members at school, work and day programs
- Flu shot education for members as well as ongoing medical care

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic:

Rackers – Gayle Pado

Topic:

Discussion:

Updates:

- Self-Direction & Traditional services accepting new referrals
 - Small waiting list for Tioga and Tompkins counties
- FSS Reimbursement programs are open, accepting and processing applications.
 - There are openings for new families to enroll and receive Respite reimbursement if needed.
- The Tompkins Lending library remodeled
 - Will be more interactive and welcoming to visitors.
 - A grand re-opening anticipated in November.
- The Cortland Library received lots of new updated items
 - To be remodeled in early 2023.
- The Tioga Library will get the same type of “make-over” in late 2023.
- Racker’s supportive Housing Program, Founder’s Way (Ithaca) has one opening
 - Anticipate filling later this month.
 - Waiting list for those not selected in the first round
- Ribbon cutting November 4th with move in shortly thereafter
- Parent Network Events coming up.
 - Greek Peak on 10/14/22 from 4:00p-6:00p
 - Parents and caregivers will be participating in the ropes course and zip line to help network and create partnerships with one another.
 - Kids will be enjoying time at the indoor water park at Hope Lake Lodge
 - “Taking the Next Steps: Your Road to Employment” on 10/26/22 from 4:30-6:30p.
 - Presented by Michele Gravel, Senior Director of Employment Services at JM Murray, and Kathleen Joyce, Senior VP Counselor for Statewide Transition and Youth Services, ACCESS-VR.
 - The training will provide information about transition planning from school to employment and answer some important questions such as: When should transition planning begin in school and what should we expect? What employment services are available after graduation? How do we access these services and resources? This will be happening at the Cortland Preschool.
- Racker Celebrations at 8:30am and breakfast is included
 - Cortland: 10/12
 - Tioga: 10/13
 - Tompkins: 10/14
 - If interested in attending please register through Racker’s website.
 - Self-Advocates and families served by Racker may attend free with registration.
- We have one residential opportunity open in Tioga County.
- Respite is open and running at full capacity.

- Josh Gillespie is the contact if there are any questions.

Status Informational – Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy (Other Voices in the 607) – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates

- The advocates partnering with FLIC in Tompkins County to learn about different types of advocacy, and issues that can be advocated for.
 - Snow removal discussion, especially in the city areas where clean up can be difficult and block accessible walking paths
 - Transportation has been a hot topic to advocate for it in Tioga County.
 - The group has also been participating in different events to help recruit members, and spread the word about Other Voices!

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabriella Ayers

Discussion: Updates:

- Gabriella is the contact for Care Managers – please update info

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:35am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th, 2022 at 9:00am.
