

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

**APPROVED**

**Subcommittee meeting date: April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
*Via Hybrid***

Member Fran Bialy  
Attendance: John Bezirganian, MD  
Nadia Constant  
Donna Corbin  
Sue Medina  
Carolyn Galatzan  
Tina Lounsbury  
Guest Eric Mastrogiovanni  
Attendance:  
Mental Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services  
Hygiene Cathy Healy, Clinical Program Director  
Staff Attendance: Sue Graves (minutes)  
Category: Minutes for February & March 2024 – Approved as written  
Topic: Director’s Report – Lori Morgan  
Discussion: Updates:

- Waverly Site
  - Brief history reviewed
  - Project is moving forward
  - Hoping to occupy space by the beginning of 2025
  - 15-year lease was negotiated
  - Lease signed with Marte Sauerbrey expected to sign next
  - ADS will be back at the site as well
  - Lori will be attending works sessions to update on the Waverly site
  - Legislator Dale Weston, who was a big component in having a county office in the Waverly village space has passed
  - Thank you to all involved

- DFC Grant
  - Christina Olevano is no longer with Trinity
  - Trinity no longer wants to support the DFC Grant
  - Public Health will be running the DFC Grant
    - Hiring a Project Manager/Coordinator
  - Mental Health will continue to oversee and hold the funding
  - Money to be used for the Coalition
- Tioga Central School District Contract
  - History reviewed
  - Current steps shared with group
  - Meeting held with Albany, Lori, and the Tioga Central team
  - State made clear the spirit of the grant
  - Another meeting with all parties has been scheduled
  - Lori is looking internally for a part-time clinician for the school
- SOS Meeting
  - RSS contracting with Catholic Charities of Cortland, Tompkins & Tioga Counties
  - Catholic Charities has not received the funding to date
  - Project is in the planning stages
  - Team lead in Cortland County hired
  - Looking to fill Care Manager & Peer positions
  - Coordination challenges briefly discussed
- State Plan
  - Not developed yet
  - Lori is involved with the workgroup
- Email from State received
  - Stated: No releases needed
  - Clinic is still doing release and will continue to do so

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Clinical Program Director – Cathy Healy

Discussion: Updates:

- Staffing
  - Jeff Caris, LMHC has started in the Spencer Middle School
  - One clinician resigned
  - Continue to interview for MH & ADS positions
  - Accepting internships

- Staff Survey
  - Responses being collated
- Staff Wellness Day on 4/11/24
  - Held twice a year
- Workload
  - MH Open Access is extremely busy
  - ADS Open Access is picking up as well
  - Census continues to increase
- Treatment Plans
  - Conducting annual treatment plan reviews
    - Still auditing charts
    - Lori expressed concern with annual treatment plans but still auditing 100% of the charts every 90 days

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Topic: Articles

Discussion: Updates:

- April – Alcohol Awareness Month
  - Cathy to talk to Porshea regarding length.
  - Will be submitted to Pennysaver for April
- Feb 2025 – Eating Disorder Awareness
  - Nadia from Hea Hea to write

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Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates:

- Hea Hea – Nadia Constant
  - Finalizing the Improvement Report from the OMH audit
    - Due April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - A lot of training with MH Community Partner Grant
  - Binghamton University reached out to help implement a program to serve their students
    - Meeting today at 11am
  - Insurance Credentialing
    - Company hired to handle credentialing
  - Due diligence completed for software purchase
  - Fine tuning business model
  - Working on marketing

- Spoke with OMH about expansion to Intensive Outpatient down the road via on site and online
- Public Health – Sue Medina
  - Job post for Coalition Coordinator
  - Drug Take Back Day on 4/27/24
    - On site from 10a-2p
    - Accepting sharps as well as medications
    - Sheriff’s Department on site to assist
- DSS – Donna Corbin
  - Almost fully staffed
- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
  - April Events
    - 4/14 – Smash Brothers
    - 4/16 -Hotline training via Zoom
      - 2x per week – 5 weeks = 30 hours with additional 10 hours within the year
      - Rape Counseling Certifications
      - Trying to recruit volunteers
    - 4/24 – Denim Day
  - Pass thru funding received for Survivors Financial Assistance - “Financial Empowerment” (emergency financial assistance)
  - CAC Open House postponed until possibly 6/26/24
  - Suicide Prevention Coalition kick off meeting 4/24/24

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Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28am.

