

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

Subcommittee meeting date: February 13th, 2024
Via Hybrid

Member Gabriella Ayers
Attendance: Vicki Fergus
Kim Bailey-Poreda
Tina Lounsbury
Gayle Pado
Shannon Westbrook

Guest Karen Warfle
Attendance: Tricia Tomm

Mental Hygiene Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director
Staff Attendance:

Meeting called to order at: 9:083am

Topic: Review of January 2024 Minutes – Approved as written

Category: Reports

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Vicki Fergus

Discussion: Updates:

- New Front Door Video Modules
 - Released on 2/1/14 on OPWDD’s website
 - Different videos for each part of the Front Door process
 - Available in multiple languages
 - Replaces the Front Door webinars
- Ebudsmeb Funding
 - \$ 2 million established for program
 - Program details shared
- Staffing
 - Interviews set up for two LMSW-2 for the Front Door

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director’s Report

Discussion: Updates:

- Working on the Waverly project.

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Shannon Westbrook

Discussion: Updates:

- Day Hab is receiving a facelift
 - Multimedia room being redone
 - New furniture
 - Remodeling kitchen
 - Creating a sensory room
- Day Hab without Walls
 - 6 referrals received
- Regular Day Hab
 - 1 referral received

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Looking for members
 - Tina shared she may have a person
- Elections underway
- Needs Assessment completed in January 2024
 - 4,078 completed surveys
 - 1,200 perspective members for counsel
 - 6 for local counsel to follow up with
- Analyzing Data
 - Priority #1 – Respite – huge need of
 - Looking at Respite programs
 - \$ 125k release in RFP coming soon
 - Priority #2 – Reimbursement
 - No allowables list yet from OPWDD
 - Working to increase information flow on contracts
 - Priority #3 - Transportation

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Updates:

Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- One new enrollment for Tioga County
- Care Manager position filled for Southern Tier
- COVID outbreak among staff and individuals
- Focusing on the health and safety component with individuals

ST Connects – Not Present

Life Plan – Not Present

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Racker Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Events (flyers attached)
 - SPEAK relationship Classes
 - Adaptive BINGO nights
 - Wednesday 2/14 & 2/28/24 4:30-6:30pm at the three Sensory Libraries
 - Snowshoeing at Lime Hollow

Status:

- Southern Tier Camp Forum
 - February 20th – 5:00-6:00pm

Topic:

- February 23rd – 2:00-3:00pm
- FSS Support Program can provide funding for camps

Discussion:

- Digital Library
 - Opening in March 2024
 - Tools available to providers as well
- Internal Day Program has been started
 - FLEX - for people in residential or with in-home services
 - Meaningful Days Group – gets individuals out into the community

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabby Ayers

Discussion: Updates:

- Received 2 referrals last month
- Accepting new referrals
- Fully staffed
- Promoting Outreach Program

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Gayle Pado

No new information

Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:29am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, at 9:00am.
