

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

Subcommittee meeting date: April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Via Hybrid

Member Evelyn Vavra  
Attendance: John Crosby  
Gayle Pado  
Vickie Fergus  
Tina Lounsbury  
Kim Bailey Poreda

Guest Karen Warfle  
Attendance: Teresa Edwards  
Anne Seepersaud

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

Meeting called to order at: 9:05am

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Topic: Review of February 2023 Minutes – approved with changes

Category: Reports

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion: Updates

<b>Service – Tioga County</b>	<b>March 2023</b>
Front Door Inquiries	3
Request for Services	1
Eligibility – New Packets	4
Approved Self-Direction	1
Housing – Emergent	1

- Staffing
  - Joy Hailey, Social Worker started in the regional office on 3/23/23
    - Training as a Care Coordination Support Liaison
  - Sarah Murphy, LMSW2 starts 4/20/23
    - Front Door Facilitator for Region 2
  - At full capacity
- Get Outdoors & Get Together Event
  - Held on 6/10/23 from 10am-2pm
  - Various sites including state parks and recreational sites
    - List of sites to be emailed to subcommittee

- Data updates in the spring regarding the OPWDD Service System
- Stakeholder survey in the summer
- CSIDD Crisis Service
  - Regions 1-3 on hold for referrals
    - Staffing crisis – 12 vacancies state-wide

Tina inquired about the incident at the Group Home. Individuals were arrested for abuse. News release regarding incident (attached) was presented and incident was on the local news. Vickie will look into.

Status: Informational - Complete

Category: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Topic: Updates:

- County Plan
  - Supposed to have forms in April
  - Plan is due in June
  - 4-year plan next year with annual updates

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – No Present

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Statewide Chair has resigned
  - Seeking new Chair
- 4/26/23 is the next meeting in Albany
  - Topics reviewed briefly

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Prime Care – Not Present

- Per email – no updates

ST Connects – Not present

Life Plan – Anne Seepersaud

- Continue to see individuals in person
- Connecting with Care Managers and Providers
- Met with services at Tioga Central Schools regarding the Front Door process to offer education & support
- Working with Owego Central Schools & Vestal Schools as well
- Multiple outreaches taking place

- Connected with Camp Badger & Camp Ahwaga

Status Informational - Complete

Topic: Rackers - Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates

- Waiver Respite Service delivery continues to be on hold
  - Hoping for weekend respite, over nights and in-home services
  - Need to hire a team to do
- Upcoming Events
  - Racker Resources (flier attached) 4/27/23 from 5:30-7:30pm
  - Picky Eaters (flier attached) 5/18/23 from 5:00-7:00pm
  - Neurodivergent Magician
    - Center for Performing Arts in Homer, NY on 5/19/23
    - Washington Gladden School in Owego, NY 5/20/23 at 10am
    - Ithaca Racker on Wilkens Rd 5/20/23
    - FSS VIP Club
      - Backstage passes for all VIP's
      - Free gifts
      - In 1 hour early to spend time with magician
      - Front row VIP seating
    - Shows are open for all FSS eligible individuals
    - Reach out to Gayle to register

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy (Other Voices in the 607) – Megan Kaminsky – Not Present

Topic: Catholic Charities – Not Present

Topic: Other Business

- Discussion:
- Teresa Edwards, YAI Director shared they are experiencing issues with staffing as well.
  - Residential Coordinators Presentation
    - Vickie asked the group if they would be interested in a presentation.
    - The group would like a presentation in June
    - Vickie will set up

Status: Informational - Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:48am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9:00am.

