

**TIOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE**

May 6th, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Hybrid

- **Review and approve March & April 2022 meeting minutes**

- **Director's Report**

- **Other Business**

- **Conferences/Workshops**

Next regular meeting: Friday, June 3rd, 2022

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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

Pending Approval

Subcommittee meeting date: March 4th, 2022

Via Hybrid

Member Attendance: Heather Vroman
Carolyn Galatzan
John Bezirganian, MD
Fran Bialy
Donna Corbin
Denise Brown
Larissa Brower

Guest Attendance:

Mental Hygiene Staff Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services
Cathy Healy, Clinical Program Director
Sue Graves (minutes)

Category: Review of the November 2021 & January 2022 Minutes – Approved as written

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- **Staffing Changes**
 - Linda Wagner, LCSW-R resigned 2/22/22
 - Michelle Dunham, Sr. CASAC resigning 3/11/22
 - Sarah Secor, LCSW started 3/1/22
- **State Budget Highlights**
 - Fee for Service up ½% across the board
 - Looking to restore additional 1%
 - 5.4% proposed COLA for all "O" agencies
 - Language changes for 730's
 - DCS to have more control
 - Shorter time frames
 - State Aid for MAT (Medical Assisted Treatment) in jails
 - Approved for an additional \$ 40,000
 - Asking for additional funding -\$23 million state wide
 - Joseph Dwyer Program (Veterans)

- Back on the table
- \$ 100,000 for Tioga County
- MH to pass thru funding
- More Workforce Investment funding
 - Working with Personnel to get funding to Union Employees
 - OMH - \$ 38,000
 - OASAS - \$ 13,000
 - Funding to be used for trainings as well
- Pushing for remote work
 - Tracking Telehealth services
 - Currently at 80%
- Staff Survey – Board Request
 - Surveys going out to staff by months end
 - Remote work to be added to survey
- Recruiting Issues
 - No applications for some job openings
- A New Hope Center Funding
 - \$50,000 received from the Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition
 - \$100,000 received through American Rescue
 - Fran spoke with Wendy Arnold to discuss expenditure of funds over the next 2 years

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – Heather Vroman

Discussion: Articles for Pennysaver

- February’s Article – National Eating Disorders Awareness discussed briefly
- March – Change in 941 & 945 laws – Lori Morgan & Sarah Begeal
- April – Stress Awareness month

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates:

- Tully Hill (24/7 detox facility) temporarily closed due to lack of nurses
 - Currently some counties are not taking any more clients
- In 2017 Fran used funding to significantly increase salaries

- A lot of value in doing better for employees
- Lori going to the Legislature regarding remote work from home (part time at home, part time on site)
- Telephonic services still under waiver
- LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Consortium)
 - Bob Williams asked Lori to be involved in the discussion
 - State Police are interested in a Mobil MH Plan
 - Lori needs to find out what the ask really is
 - Further discussion ensued

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:55am.
The next scheduled meeting is Friday, April 1st, 2022 at 9:00am.

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TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

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Carolyn Galatzan
John Bezirgianian, MD
Fran Bialy
Donna Corbin
Denise Brown
Larissa Brower
Tina Lounsbury

Guest Attendance: Tina Shearer

Mental Hygiene Staff Attendance: Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Sarah Begeal, Deputy Director of Community Services
Cathy Healy, Clinical Program Director
Sue Graves (minutes)

Category: March Minutes not reviewed

Topic: Director's Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- **New - Healing & Health (Eating Disorder Clinic)**
 - Focus on adolescent females 11-18 yrs. of age
 - Partial Hospitalization program
 - One other clinic like this in Buffalo
 - Located at the Glenmary Inn in Owego
 - Looking to obtain an OHM license
 - Non-profit
 - Lori wrote a letter of support
 - Seeing an explosion of eating disorders among teens
 - 10 inpatient beds
 - Patients live there while in the program
 - School provided
 - Working with local agencies in the region

- Goal: Opening in September 2022
- Informational packet will be sent to the Subcommittee
- Criminal Psych
 - Receive a bill for \$44,000
 - MH budget to be used to pay these until the budget is exhausted
- Staffing Changes
 - A Supervising Social Worker and possible CASAC starting the background check process
 - Betty Chilson retiring in June
- Workforce Funding
 - MOU signed with the Union
 - Waiting for OASAS to distribute funding in order to pass monies onto employees
 - Working on OASAS contract with the County Attorney
 - Hoping for it to be signed on Monday (4/4/22)
 - Left over funding earmarked for trainings
- OASAS Audit
 - Audit went very well
 - Hoping for a 3-year license
- Joseph Dwyer Program (Veterans)
 - Received \$100,000 for Tioga County
 - Mental Hygiene will pass the funding thru to the Veterans Association in Tioga County
 - Lori will present a resolution to the Legislature to accept the funding

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Chair Report – Heather Vroman

Discussion: Articles for Pennysaver

- April – Stress Awareness month
 - Carolyn Galatzan submitted article to Pennysaver
- May – Mental Health Awareness Month
 - Lori to do a proclamation
 - Article regarding Suicide Awareness & Resources
 - Lori, Sarah & Wendy to write article
- June – Trauma & PTSD
 - Article to focus on Veterans
 - Will seek help from Mike Middaugh

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Other Business

Discussion: Updates:

- A New Hope Center – Fran Bialy
 - April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - Event fliers to follow
 - NYS Domestic Violence Regional Counsel
 - Fran Bialy is the rep for this area
 - Meetings set up with disciplines start today
 - MH at 3pm today
 - ADS next Friday at 3pm
 - Meetings are 1 hour conversations
 - Fran to email info to Lori who will forward to staff
- Glove House – Donna Corbin
 - Waiver review Sunday 4/3 thru Wednesday 4/6
 - Record Reviews with staff, clients, parents and administrators
 - Very short staffed and very busy

Status: Informational – Complete

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:59am.
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