

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

**APPROVED**

Subcommittee meeting date: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Via Hybrid

Member                    John Crosby  
Attendance:            Gayle Pado  
                              Evelyn Vavra  
                              Megan Kaminski  
                              Vickie Fergus  
                              Christine Schweitzer

Guest                     Ron Myers  
Attendance:            Tricia Tomm  
                              Gabriella Ayers  
Mental Hygiene        Susan Graves, Secretary to the Director (minutes)  
Staff Attendance:

Meeting called to order at: 9:07am

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Topic:                    Review of February 2022 Minutes – Approved as written

Category:               Reports

Topic                     DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion:            Data Update:

<b>Service</b>	<b>February</b>
Com Hab/Day Hab	1
Housing – Emergent	1
Substantial	4
Current	8
Self-Direction	1
Prevoc	1

Updates:

- Vickie is the Front Door Lead for Region 2
- Executive Budget 2022-2023 Talking Points
  - Addressing direct care
  - Increasing resources for housing
  - Expanding Crisis Services
  - Improving employment outcomes through training
  - Delivery system
  - Assessments for kids
  - Managed Care transition

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director’s Report – Not Present

Topic: Achieve Report – Not Present

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Family Support Services Update
  - New Guidance regarding family reimbursement
  - Cap \$1,200 for goods/services
    - Some emergency services removed from this figure
    - Regional areas and providers can set caps as long as it’s below the state cap
    - ADM is on the Commissioners desk for review
    - Staggered dates requested
    - Comprehensive list of items that can be purchased asked for but not received
    - Can go to more than one agency for funding as long as it doesn’t exceed the cap
  - Surveys going out
  - Still looking for members

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Topic: Life Plan – Ron Myers

- Discussion:
- Face to face visits continue
  - Continuing with COVID education and outreach
  - Accepting referrals

Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Conducting in-person visits
- Focusing on Care Management
- Closing smaller offices (Elmira) and working from home

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Racker – Gayle Pado & Megan Kaminski

Discussion: Updates:

- Residential Services
  - Staffing stable in Tioga County
  - No vacancies currently
  - Starry Night Respite House closed until April
- Self-Directed services going strong
  - No wait list

- A lot of upcoming programs
  - Group for age 16 and under – Mondays at 5pm
  - Group for ages 17 and up – Thursdays at 7pm
  - Independent Workshops – Thursdays 4-6pm
    - Community Safety Part 1 – 3/17
    - Community Safety Part II – 4/21
  - Lending Library 3/31
  - Let's Talk Sensory 4/5
- Programming details on Rackers Website

Traditional Programming – Megan Kaminski

- Hosting meetings to help families access various information electronically on Rackers
- A lot of family support, more control for families and their choices

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Gabriella Ayers

Discussion: Updates:
 

- Fully staffed
- Accepting new referrals

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Megan Kaminski

Discussion: Updates:
 

- Trying to get Self-Advocacy present at the meetings again

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Other Business - None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:53am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am.

