

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

PENDING APPROVAL

Subcommittee meeting date: April 9th, 2024

Via Hybrid

Member John Crosby
Attendance: Vicki Fergus
 Kim Bailey-Poreda
 Tina Lounsbury
 Gayle Pado
 Shannon Westbrook
 Jennifer Payne
Guest Karen Warfle
Attendance: Tricia Tomm
 Emily Jackson
 Anne Seepersaud
Mental Hygiene Lori Morgan, Director of Community Services
Staff Attendance: Sue Graves, Secretary to the Director

Meeting called to order at: 9:06am

Topic: Review of March 2024 Minutes – Approved with changes

Topic DDSO/DDRO Report – Vickie Fergus

Discussion: Updates:

- State Direct Support Professionals Campaign
 - “More Than Work” started 3/19/24
 - Hub for job seeking individuals
 - www.directsupportcareers.com
 - Advertising on all formats
 - Email OPWDD office to join
- April is Autism Acceptance Month
- Strategic Planning
 - Summer forums being planned for May – July
 - Two online sessions regarding strategic plan process
- Managed Care Evaluations
 - No updates – still in finalizing process

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Director’s Report – Lori Morgan

Discussion: Updates:

- County Plan
 - Unclear if update will be needed
 - 5-year plan completed last year

- Waverly Site
 - Approved by all parties
 - Leased signed and awaiting Marte Sauerbrey's signature
 - Bids awarded
 - Goal is to be up and running by either December or January
 - Will have OMH & OASAS services there again
- Legislator Dale Weston passed away last week

Status: Informational – Complete

Topic: Achieve Report – Shannon Westbrook/Carley Hoover

Discussion: Updates:

- Remodeling of facility started
- Received 1 referral for Day Hab
- Currently have 18 individuals enrolled in Day Hab & 3 for Day Hab Without Walls
- Day Hab Without Wall starting Thursday, 4/11/24
- Looking for volunteer opportunities in the

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: FSS Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Locally accepting new members
 - Providers joining group
 - Meetings held virtually the first Thursday of the month at 10:00am
 - RFP Priorities submitted for this region

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: CCO Reports

Discussion: Updates:

ST Connects – Emily Jackson

- Have a couple of open positions that cover Tioga County
 - 2 in Binghamton, 1 Cortland
 - Binghamton positions to start at the end of the month
- Focusing on healthcare incentives
- Ensuring members are getting appropriate preventive care

Life Plan – Anne Seepersaud

- Educational Webinar today from 2:00-4:00pm
 - Aging & Dementia
 - Provider Educational Webinars – LIFEPlan CCO NY

Prime Care – Tricia Tomm

- Continue to see all individuals face to face
- Focusing on healthcare
- Fully staffed

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Racker Report – Gayle Pado

Discussion: Updates:

- Racker has a host of events for April (flyers attached)
 - Sensory 411
 - Starting April 2nd and held every other Tuesday from 4-6pm via Zoom
 - See flyer for additional information
 - Adaptive Game/Bingo Nights
 - Wednesdays April 10th, 17th & 24th from 4:30-6:30pm
 - Flyers attached for location details
 - Discovering Belonging through Music – Part 1 – Informational Session
 - Monday, April 15th from 5:00-6:30pm
 - Preparing for Kindergarten Part 2 – What to Expect
 - Monday, Aril 22nd from 5:30-6:30
 - Independence Workshops
 - Tuesday, April 16th from 12-2pm – Finance
 - See flyer for additional workshops

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Catholic Charities – Jennifer Payne

Discussion: Updates:

- Open for all programs
- One referral received last month
- Accepting referrals

Status: Informational - Complete

Topic: Self-Advocacy – Not Present

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:28am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, at 9:00am.



Biweekly TUESDAYS, 4-6pm

Join us on ZOOM every other Tuesday from 4-6pm to learn more about different sensory needs and what is available in the library to help meet them.

Beginning 04/02/2024
No registration necessary



Questions?
Contact: LendingLibrary@racker.org
(607) 529-0142

tinyurl.com/7ndcw59r



ADAPTIVE BINGO GAME NIGHT

1277 Taylor Rd. #4, Owego, NY 13827 & Virtual (ZOOM)

WED. 4/10
4:30-6:30PM

Enjoy a night of adaptive Bingo & prizes
Adaptive cards are available upon request,
including large text.

Played at a casual slowed pace, so it's enjoyable for all.
Join us to make friends, win prizes, and have fun!

Hosted, in part, with the
Other Voices in the 607 Advocacy group

For Questions or Registration issues, contact:
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Scan to Register:



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3226 Wilkins Rd Ithaca NY 14850 & Virtual (ZOOM)

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Autism & Sensory
Lending Library



Preparing for Kindergarten

WITH
DEBORAH JORDAN (ICSD)



April 22nd MONDAY
5:30 - 6:30 PM

PART TWO: WHAT TO EXPECT IN KINDERGARTEN

Join us on ZOOM to learn more about your child's transition out of preschool, including the change from CPSE to CSE & what to expect when joining the Ithaca City School District's kindergarten programs



Questions? Contact: LyndseyP@racker.org tinyurl.com/mr4ce6j3

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Discovering Belonging through Music



A partnership with
ALL TOGETHER NOW
Music

Part 1: Virtual Information Session

Monday
April 15th 2024
5pm-6:30pm



Join us for a 2-part event where we explore how music can form community, friendships, and social connections while also promoting self-confidence and creativity!

Scan for ZOOM Link

tinyurl.com/k4dfcpzd

Questions?

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(607) 529-0142 Chris



INDEPENDENCE WORKSHOPS

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FROM 12pm - 2pm.
IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY ON TEAMS.

Tuesday
**APRIL
16**

FINANCE

Learn ways to be more financially independent, including how to budget & ways to prioritize your money.

Hosted by: Sarah @ 1277 Taylor Rd. Owego, NY 13827

Tuesday
**MAY
21**

RELATIONSHIPS

Discuss how relationships change with independence & how to establish & maintain boundaries.

Hosted by: Teri @ 882 NY-13, Cortland, NY 13045

Tuesday
**JUNE
18**

TRANSPORTATION

We will walk through all things transportation including buses, taxis, & ride shares.

Hosted by: Destyni @ 3226 Wilkins Rd. Ithaca, NY 14850

Tuesday
**JULY
16**

TECHNOLOGY

Learn the potential of technology to empower your independence, while learning essential strategies to protect yourself on the internet.

Hosted by: Jessica @ 1277 Taylor Rd. Owego, NY 13827

To Register please scan this QR code or contact Jessica at Jessicas@racker.org or (607)529-0128



OR

tinyurl.com/nhkhw3p5

