

Tioga County Drug & Alcohol Planning Council

January 11, 2023

1:30 PM

Board Attendance: Robin Adams, Malachi Cunningham, Davy Heck, Saira Olson, Diane Weed, Lisa Wood

Guest Attendance: Theresa Bird, Mellissa Parsons, Gretchen Sechrist, Colleen Wilbur

Call to Order- Robin called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

Diane states that she would like to add Nancy Clemens and Joelle Young to the Planning Council with the County Commissioners approval. Lisa made a motion to vote both Nancy and Joelle on to the Planning Council. Davy seconded. Motion carried. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Welcome Nancy and Joelle. Colleen recommended to reach out to a DDAF representative just to verify there wasn't any conflict of interest with having Nancy on the Planning Council. Diane agreed that was a good idea.

Secretary's Report- Saira asked the board to review the minutes as presented. Malachi made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Davy seconded. Motion Carried.

Business:

As the midpoint of our fiscal year, Diane gave an update on D&A statistics for Tioga County. We currently have done 54 assessments with methamphetamine being the #1 drug of choice at 42%. This is quite a big jump this year as our usual drug of choice is alcohol in Tioga County. Alcohol is at 24%, heroine 20%, marijuana 7%, and other opiates are at 5%. We currently have 12 members in treatment court with 2 individuals who just graduated this week. Colleen had asked Diane if she knew what the drug of choice is for those with DUI's. Diane was unsure as she did not have data in front of her. Diane called upon Saira to see if she had that data available. Saira states that the drug of choice with DUI's is pretty even across the spectrum. Diane states that she has a meeting at the end of the month to discuss what other providers are seeing.

Since our last meeting, we have had a prevention staff member resign as of December 29th. The Partnership is looking to hire someone however all needs and programs are still being met.

We had a DDAF representative come to our location. There weren't any questions or concerns regarding our work.

Diane said that she will be attending a PCDA conference at the end of the month near Washington D.C. Robin mentioned to Diane that it would be a good idea if she could create a link so that they could have a session with Diane while was at the conference. Diane will look into this.

We've received settlement dollars that will come in two portions totaling about \$120,000. Diane mentioned that she met with the County Commissioners and the Human Services Administrator regarding these dollars. We need more money in the schools and there is a new drug and alcohol/mental health outpatient facility opening that we would like to give a portion of the money to. Colleen reminded Diane that BHARP could possibly help with this new facility as well. Diane addressed the council and let them know if they have suggestions or ideas on how to use this funding, to please email her. Robin asked if there was a certain timeframe in which we have to spend this money and if it ran by calendar year or fiscal year. 18 calendar months. Robin asked if we can get an idea of how much money went regarding neonatal abstinence syndrome. Diane states she is currently gathering all data and will report back. She doesn't want to disclose numbers that aren't 100% accurate.

Colleen states that there is a new male and female adolescent facility that has opened in Wilkes Barre, Huntington Creek Recovery Center, and has started serving Tioga County individuals.

Lisa made a motion to close the meeting. Malachi seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Submitted By:


Diane Weed

D&A Assistant Administrator

Saira A. Olson

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Secretary