

**Tioga County Drug & Alcohol Planning Council**  
**January 10, 2024**  
**1:30 PM**

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**Board Attendance:** Malachi Cunningham, Saira Olson, Mark Scafidi, Diane Weed, Lisa Wood

**Guest Attendance:** Mellissa Parsons, Sara Rice, Laurie Roof, Michael Spencer, Linda Stiger, Colleen Wilbur

**Call to Order-** Diane called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**Secretary's Report-** Diane asked the board to review the minutes as presented for the November 2023 meeting. Saira made a motion to accept the minutes. Lisa seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Business:**

Diane updated the Planning Council regarding Opioid Settlement Dollars. No new proposals came in since the last meeting. Question from Mike Spencer- Can we get an update on the proposals that were already approved for Harbor Counseling? Both contracts have been drafted and sent to the solicitor for review. We are waiting to receive those back. There was a lot of back and forth between the County and Harbor Counseling regarding language. Question- what is the timeline of receiving money from this fund for approved proposals? Diane- we do not know, I need to meet with the newly elected Commissioners to discuss the process of the Opioid Settlement Dollars. The County Commissioners and I have a meeting scheduled tomorrow to meet with outpatient facilities to discuss substance use problems in the county, solutions, and Opioid Dollars.

Diane states that we had the first Recovery Hub Focus Group session in December 2023. There are eight Recovery Hub's in the state. The purpose of these Hub's is to enhance and support recovery efforts. There will be an interview with each of the SCA's.

The Prevention Team has had dollars set aside from SOR dollars and the block grant supplemental dollars to put towards pro-social activities. Over the month of December, we have hosted holiday meals to after-school groups. They went very well and the turn-out was fantastic. In the future, we have a Valentine's Day Initiative planned. Three prevention individuals will be attending the CADCA conference. This conference provides us with a wealth of knowledge and information regarding substances, trends, and prevention information. No questions or comments.

I have been asked to fill out a form to be a Harm Reduction Recognized Entity. This initiative will allow me better access to Narcan, Fentanyl testing strips, etc. for distribution. No questions/comments.

Diane asked the Planning Council to review and approve the proposed meeting dates for 2024. Mark made a motion to approve the 2024 meeting dates. Lisa seconded. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Mark Scafidi asked efforts regarding the Overdose Fatality Review Team and its process. Sara states that the team is just getting started with policies. We are learning how those reports will come in, how they will look, and what information we get from those reports, that we believe are coming from the state. Once we get a better timeline, we can give you an update when we can expect reporting from this group.

Lisa motioned to close the Planning Council meeting, Mark seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Meeting Adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Submitted By:

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Secretary