

**Tioga County Drug & Alcohol Planning Council**  
**November 13, 2024**  
**1:30 PM**

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**Board Attendance:** Roger Bunn, Malachi Cunningham, Steve Daugherty, John Newell, Diane Weed

**Attendance:** Shane Nickerson, Mellissa Parsons, Sara Rice, Laurie Roof, Colleen Wilber

**Call to Order-** Diane called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**Secretary's Report-** Roger made a motion to accept October meeting minutes, Shane seconded. Motion passed.

**Business:**

**Opioid Settlement Dollars update:** The contract was signed at the Commissioners meeting last Tuesday for EMMA(Endless Mountains Mobility Alliance) to assist individuals with transportation to treatment facilities. This will be paid upon invoice. Tioga County has received information that a settlement with Wal-Mart has been reached regarding opioid settlement dollars. At this time, we do not know how much Tioga County will be receiving.

**Outreach and Prevention update:** Tioga County Single County Authority has submitted the 5-year Needs Assessment to the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. Their treatment unit will be visiting Tioga County to go over case management. They are encouraging case workers to meet with the individuals out in the community, rather than in the office, which Tioga County has always done.

According to the Pennsylvania Youth Survey data, alcohol, marijuana, vaping and cigarettes were highest for youth in Tioga County. Other concerns were a lack of support for pro-social activities outside of school and a lack of attendance to a religious organization in our youth.

Tioga County has begun working with Meadowlark to come up with a vaping curriculum to incorporate into our schools.

Gambling dollars have been received in the amount of \$11,000 and we have already started purchasing education materials regarding gambling addiction and prevention to disperse in our communities.

The North Central Recovery Hub hosted a Recovery Symposium in Wellsboro. There were 49 individuals that attended and were mostly of individuals that are already in recovery. The emphasis of this symposium seemed to be normalizing addiction/recovery and to reduce stigma. Question- who is all involved with the Recovery Hub? The Department of Drug and Alcohol Program created the recovery hubs last year. Our hub consists of the following counties: Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Clinton, Lycoming, Sullivan, Centre, Union, Snyder, Montour, Columbia, and Northumberland. Total available funding available is \$4,500,000 across the state of Pennsylvania. Our hub wrote and received a state grant and now we will utilize these funds to help improve recovery in our area. Suggestion- is this a duplication of service of another organization? Is there additional information regarding the Recovery Hub? There is information regarding this program at [www.pa.gov](http://www.pa.gov). This program is so that each regional hub can work to expand and enhance recovery.

We would like to incorporate supports for parents. We are considering beginning a virtual support program for our parents that would encourage them to talk to their kids regarding drugs, alcohol, vaping, cigarettes, etc. and provide them with resources to help them begin this conversation with their children.

Proposed 2025 meeting dates are listed on the agenda. John made a motion to accept 2025 meeting dates, Shane seconded. Motion passed.

Roger made a motion to close the meeting at 2:11 p.m., Shane seconded. Motion carried.

*Roger C. Bunn*  
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Secretary

*Diane Weed*  
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D&A Assistant Administrator