## Tioga County Drug & Alcohol Planning Council April 10, 2024 1:30 PM

**Board Attendance**: Malachi Cunningham, John Newell, Saira Olson, Diane Weed, Lisa Wood, Joelle Young **Guest Attendance**: Kimberly Jayne, , Commissioner Shane Nickerson, Mellissa Parsons, Commissioner Marc Rice, Michael Spencer, Lyndsey Stiger, Commissioner Sam Vanloon, Colleen Wilbur

Call to Order- Joelle called the meeting to order at 1:30 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 February meeting. Lisa made a motion to accept the minutes. Saira seconded. 10 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **Business:**

There was a proposal received from Harbor Counseling this month for Opioid Settlement Dollars. Mike from Harbor is requesting funds in the amount of \$7000.00 for an overnight bus trip to Akron, OH for 25 individuals in recovery to attend the AA Founders Day Weekend. The money will pay for a 2-night motorcoach from Benedicts and 15 hotel rooms. There is a symposium May 1, 2024 regarding Opioid Settlement Dollars that the Commissioners are attending to see what other counties are doing. Other counties could possibly be partnering to leverage the money together to do initiatives and would like to wait prior to approving further requests to make sure these dollars are invested the best way possible. This request will be visited again in the May meeting.

We are beginning the planning process for a Walk for Recovery event that we host in September. Our prevention team has a sensory playground library scheduled in May. I was able to write for more dollars for our prevention team and will be submitted on Friday. The SCA will also be participating at the Child Abuse Awareness event in May.

Last month the SCA had 20 assessments: 16 males, 4 females. Majority of them were for alcohol, then methamphetamine, marijuana, and opiates. Colleen states that there are 3 other counties that did 0 assessments for opiates. Alcohol on the rise for Pennsylvania.

I had to submit our pre-submission paperwork to DDAP. They come each year to review our charts, contracts, and providers. They are scheduled to come July 2, 2024.

We have a CRS training coming to Tioga County this summer through Workforce. There are 20-30 seats available. More details to come regarding this training. It would be great if we could target individuals who have graduated treatment court for this training.

Commissioner Nickerson states that Meadowlark has been willing to set up a satellite office in the valley for those in need of recovery services.

There is movement regarding school-based counseling in Southern Tioga School District and we are hoping that will begin next school year.

There is a Regional Recovery Hub to discuss The Landscape of Recovery scheduled for April 17 and April 22, 2024.

We received the gambling dollars that the SCA wrote for. A plan will be submitted by June 1, 2024 for those dollars.

The Department of Health has Xylazine and Fentanyl testing strips available and has dispersed some to the Homeless Shelter.

Shane motioned to close the Planning Council meeting; Marc seconded. 10 ayes, 0 nays. Meeting Adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted By:

Diane Weed

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Saira Olson
Secretary