

**Tioga County Department of Human Services
Advisory Board
March 13, 2024
12:00 p.m.**

Attendance: Isobel Anderegg, Jenny Bowen, Amy Coots, William Dinger, Holly Lamonski, Commissioner Shane Nickerson, Saira Olson, Lisa Peck, Mellissa Parsons, Commissioner Marc Rice, Sara Rice, James Schu, Hazel Smith, Commissioner Sam VanLoon, Tonya Wilkinson, Mary Wilson
Remote Attendance: Katlyn Lutchko, Renee Smith

Call to Order: Saira called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

“The Tioga County Department of Human Services Advisory Board will facilitate the Public Hearing regarding the 2024/2025 Human Services Plan from 12:00p.m. -1:00pm. The purpose of these hearings is to inform the public and solicit stakeholder input. During the Public Hearings any member of the public is invited to provide testimony, verbally or in writing, regarding the plan.”

Secretary’s Report: Sara asked the Advisory Board to review the minutes from the November 2023 meeting. No voiced concerns, questions, or discrepancies. Saira made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Commissioner VanLoon seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: As of the end of January 2024, the Advisory Board balance is \$3,226.92. Our Christmas Appeal brought in \$1,190.00 in donations, which is higher than expected. Commissioner Nickerson made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Saira seconded. Motion carried.

Nominations were made for Chair- Saira Olson, Vice-Chair- Kristin Hamilton, Secretary- Holly Lamonski, and Treasurer- Sara Rice. Commissioner Nickerson made a motion to accept the officers, Commissioner VanLoon seconded. Motion carried.

Jenny from Concern informed the board that they are working with Wellsboro School District on some grant funds to pursue a resource coordinator that will bridge the gap between schools and parents supporting kids in need as they move through the system and the challenges they may encounter. Jenny offered to do a presentation regarding Concerns Mental Health Crisis services. Commissioners agreed they would like this presentation at the next Advisory Board meeting in June.

Concern Pilot Single Session program is a volunteered single session consultation. The intent is ideal for adolescents aged 14-18. There are concerns with access to care and the idea of this program is to have one 30-60 minute session from start to finish for the entire intervention. This works with people’s internal capabilities, motivation, and hope that they have the tools already within themselves. This program will not be the entire solution for access to care but should certainly help.

Wellspring shared that they are working on a plan to work with youth and young adults in providing peer support assisting them with the skills they will need when they are independent. Wellspring proposed having a mobile Social Rehabilitation program. Their program is now in Mansfield and a lot of individuals cannot make it due to transportation issues. The thought of taking it mobile, would give those individuals access to this program.

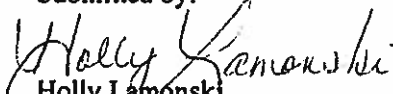
Jim Schu from Service Access and Management, Inc. mentioned that he works with supports coordination for individuals with developmental disabilities. He is seeing in Tioga County an increase in number of people we serve due to eligibility changes, which is a good thing.

Mary Wilson and Diane Weed have been coordinating an on-site Staff Development Day. This will include full day training opportunities based on a topic. We are hoping to have this event every year. This year's topic is going to be all about recovery awareness. Our plan is to have training seminars all throughout the day on campus including a simulation training. The hope is that it helps the staff better understand recovery. This first event will be open just to our employees however we would like to open this up to the community in future years.

Sara made a request to the Advisory Board to have one member attend the 2nd hearing for HSBG/HSS proposals. Commissioner Vanloon volunteered.

Sara made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Saira seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by:


Holly Lamonski
Secretary



Sara J. Rice
Administrator of TCDHS