

**Tioga County Drug & Alcohol Planning Council**  
**January 8, 2025**  
**1:30 PM**

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**Board Attendance:** Roger Bunn, Steve Daugherty, John Newell, Commissioner Shane Nickerson, Diane Weed, Tiffani Welch

**Attendance:** Laurie Roof, Rose Moore, Mellissa Parsons, Mike Spencer, Colleen Wilbur, Mary Wilson

**Call to Order-** Diane called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

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

**Business:**

**Opioid Settlement Dollars:**

Rose Moore with Vision Quest has submitted a request for Opioid Settlement Dollars. The request has been sent to all Planning Council members. Rose presented the Vision Quest program, designed to support at-risk youth. The program currently serves 170 children, with activities aimed at building self-confidence and mentorship. Rose highlighted the importance of partnerships with local organizations to enhance the program's reach and effectiveness, particularly in addressing the challenges faced by families impacted by the opioid epidemic. Rose detailed the facilities and resources available for the program, including an indoor archery range. Concerns were raised regarding the sustainability of funding and the necessity for evidence-based programs to secure funding. Overall, the Planning Council would agree that this program is beneficial to our community, however she should resubmit a revised proposal for how much funding she is looking at and what the funding will be used for in her program.

The opioid settlement fund is currently at \$228,164 with \$168,563 allocated and \$98,515 spent. Diane highlighted the allocation of \$30,000 to the Tioga County Prison to support their Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. Funds that were previously allocated for the in-school program were reallocated due to the lack of progress which leaves a remaining balance of about \$59,000. Commissioner Shane Nickerson mentioned the importance of transportation for employment and mentioned ongoing discussions with Harbor regarding a transitional living facility for men exiting jail. Diane confirmed that \$12,000 has been allocated to the non-profit Endless Mountain Mobility Alliance (EMMA) to help individuals access treatment.

Diane emphasized the importance of recruiting new members for the planning council and requested assistance from current members to recommend recruits.

Colleen states that Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural Pennsylvania can assist with funding for training needs in 2025 if needed.

Roger made a motion to close the meeting at 2:29 p.m., Shane seconded. Motion carried.

Roger C. Bunn  
Secretary

Diane Weed  
D&A Assistant Administrator