

## Tioga County Drug & Alcohol Planning Council

May 8, 2024

1:30 PM

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**Board Attendance:** Kimberly Jayne, John Newell, Saira Olson, Diane Weed, Lisa Wood, Joelle Young

**Guest Attendance:** Mellissa Parsons, 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 April meeting. Lisa made a motion to accept the minutes. Saira seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Business:**

Two proposals were submitted by Harbor Counseling for Opioid Settlement Dollars. Last month they requested \$7000 to attend Founders Day in Akron, OH for individuals in recovery. The cost included was for a bus rented through Benedict's and hotel room fees. The request we received this month is in place of the original request. They are going to rent a 15-passenger van instead of a bus. Concerns were brought up whether this would follow in Exhibit E, that Founders Day is an AA event and not focused on opioids.

The second proposal was for 500 drug testing kits in the amount of \$1000.00 for individuals going to and from Harbor that are in prison. Saira mentioned that they have drug tests available through the PWRC grant that they provide, so we will have to see if the amount given just isn't enough. We will take a closer look at those numbers.

DDAP just requested gambling prevention dollar amount allocations for the next 5 years and a proposal was submitted for \$41,000 per year for the next 5 years. This could cover wages, conference fees, curriculum, supplies, updated trainings, vendor space, media campaigns, and pro-social youth activities.

Youth Lead Prevention- We have spoken with the school district superintendents, offering a mentor from the prevention team or the SCA to meet with leadership kids to identify what the needs are in our youth to help with guidance and potentially funding. We became aware that we are missing the mark with middle school and high school students. In doing this, we are hoping that it fills this gap. We would like to create this group and then invite this group to planning council meetings.

We've been notified that dollars have been granted by Laurel Health to Meadowlark to open in Knoxville. This is exciting as this helps with the transportation barriers for individuals. Meadowlark will reach out to provider reps to make sure new location is in contract.

In April, the SCA had 20 referrals and 19 assessments were completed. 9 identified alcohol as drug of choice, 6 meth, 2 opiates, 1 heroine, 1 other opiates, and 2 screen-outs who did not identify a substance. Majority of them went to outpatient or inpatient treatment. There were 5 females and 14 males with 14 individuals in the age bracket of 26-59, 4 individuals aged 18-25, and 1 individual age 60+. 2 individuals were overdose survivors, 3 veterans, and 2 women with children.

Mountain Laurel just had a grand re-opening and they now have a veterans program available. Mountain Laurel does not currently contract with us however, we are trying to.

We have been coordinating an on-site Staff Development Day. This will include full day training opportunities based on a topic each 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.

The Recovery Hub submitted the DDAP strategic plan and we have been informed that it was accepted and we will be receiving dollars towards it. The priorities identified are expanding recovery connections, expanding transportation, housing, career/work opportunities, and reduce stigma and discrimination.

The Department of Health is working on a program to go to licensed drug and treatment facilities to offer Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccinations for those that have opioid use disorders and stimulant use disorder who are underinsured or uninsured.

We can also test and treat for STD's and HIV in our office with no requirements.

Lisa made a motion to close the meeting, Saira seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Submitted By:

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Secretary