

Tioga County Drug & Alcohol Planning Council
July 9, 2025
1:30 PM

Attendance: Steve Daugherty, Cindy Grand, John Newell, Commissioner Shane Nickerson, Mellissa Parsons, Diane Weed, Tiffany Welch, Colleen Wilber, Joelle Young

Call to Order- Diane 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 members to review the June meeting minutes. No questions, concerns or comments. Meeting minutes approved.

Business:

Opioid Settlement Dollars: No new proposals were submitted this month. Diane gave an update regarding the proposal that was submitted by the Homeless Initiative. They will be submitting a new proposal for funds for literature at the homeless shelter. The Homeless Initiative and Harbor Counseling will be working together to get certified recovery specialist services at the homeless shelter.

Question - Has the Single County Authority ever assisted with the Harbor Counseling Overdose Awareness Event with the Opioid Settlement Dollars? Yes, we have supported this event financially in the past using Opioid Settlement Dollars.

Question - Are schools able to apply for Opioid Settlement Dollars? Yes, as long as their request follows under Exhibit E.

We have scheduled the Walk For Recovery Event for September 27, 2025 on the Green in Wellsboro from 10:00am-2:00pm. We have started the planning process for this event.

We would like to plan arrangements with the local movie theatres to show a documentary regarding recovery. This would be a great educational experience for our community. Comment: this may be a great opportunity to have two showings. If we could get the high schools involved, we could do a showing of the documentary during school hours and then another showing in the evening for community members.

The Single County Authority (SCA) has submitted prevention plans to the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs that are effective July 1, 2025. Some of the things that we have submitted were dollars for specific collaboration with other entities and programs. For example, we have begun collaborating with the Specialized Services department within the agency. We will be supplying prevention literature and presenting it in the Adventure Challenge Experience (ACE) program. Some of the areas we have identified that we have been lacking regarding prevention efforts are with high school students and parents. Rebecca Parks, who has worked in academia for many years and is now working at Meadowlark Counseling, is working on a pilot prevention curriculum

program specific to Tioga County. This program will be specifically geared toward high school students.

Question- Does Harbor Counseling or Crossroads Counseling have someone certified for gambling treatment? Not yet; however, Harbor Counseling is in the process of getting that certification and Meadowlark Counseling has expressed interest in getting the certification as well. Colleen Wilber offered The Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural Pennsylvania's (BHARP) assistance with training.

Diane informed the council that as of May 2025 Tioga County has had six adult suicides (three of which were substance related), which is already two times more than we had in 2024. Last year we collaborated with Mansfield University for a stigma survey, and we are looking to collaborate again regarding suicide prevention. Joelle offered Concern's assistance with this initiative. Their wellness-nurse would be more than willing to work with the SCA. Joelle also encourages the SCA to continue attending the Drug Endangered Children's meetings. There has been positive feedback from other stakeholders, who are there because they want to help endangered children, and are eager to work with the SCA and the services offered.

At our next meeting, we will discuss SCA's treatment numbers from the last year (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025).

This year we should have renewed our contract with DDAP for another five years however, they put a hold on this contract and extended our current contract another six months until December 30, 2025, due to the lack of the State Budget. Question - are the Opioid Settlement Dollars a separate entity? Yes, there is no impact on those dollars.

Reminder to providers: BHARP is hosting a few "lunch and learns" around the Behavioral Health Higher Education program. Emails have been sent out to providers.

Joelle made a motion to close the meeting at 2:00 p.m., Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

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Secretary

Diane Weed
D&A Assistant Administrator