

Tioga County Drug & Alcohol Planning Council
February 15, 2023
1:30 PM

Board Attendance: Robin Adams, Nancy Clemens, Malachi Cunningham, Saira Olson, Mark Scafidi, Diane Weed, Joelle Young
Guest Attendance: Theresa Bird, Jenny Farrer, Commissioner Mark Hamilton, Christa Hilfiger, Mellissa Parsons, Marc Rice, Sara Rice, Renee Smith, Antonia Whittle, Colleen Wilbur

Call to Order- Robin called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

Secretary's Report- Due to technological complications, the January 11, 2023 meeting minutes were not able to be approved by the Planning Council. We will plan on approving those meeting minutes at the March 15, 2023 meeting.

Business:

Robin called upon Diane Weed to discuss the CADCA conference that she and the prevention team had attended. Diane states that there were over 4,000 attendees from all across the United States. At the conference, it was taught how to collect and utilize certain data within children and youth, what other counties are doing regarding prevention in schools, and how we can do more with prevention with adults. We will be looking at networking within faith-based organizations and incorporating prevention at Mansfield University. There was a lot of information that we took from this conference, and we are still sorting through it. This conference was very beneficial to our county and we will plan on writing this in the Block Grant so that we can attend again in following years.

Questions/Concerns?

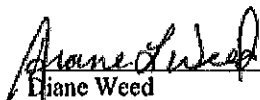
Colleen- Do you distribute Narcan at Mansfield University? Not yet, however this is a new area for us and it is something that we would like to discuss. Mark Scafidi- are there other counties that are doing prevention work within colleges/universities that we could look at; see what they are doing and how they got there? Yes, that is some of the information that we gathered at the conference and we need to look through. SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) has recently created a guide that we could use for prevention in colleges as well. Mark Scafidi- What is the relationship with contractors? Do you oversee what The Partnership does as far as prevention? I meet with the Partnership bi-monthly to go over everything that is taking place regarding prevention.

Diane addressed the Planning Council regarding the settlement dollars received. The settlement dollars are a result from a nationwide settlement. At the last meeting, we informed the planning council of the money and asked for ideas/suggestions how we can spend that money. DEC(Drug Endangered Children) reached out requesting money from the settlement dollars. Jenny Farrer states that we are requesting money in the amount of \$10,000 to duplicate some of the activities that we provided last year to the communities in Tioga County. All the events and activities that we hosted were free to the community. We organized a karate class event, movie theatre nights, yoga classes, art classes, and pool passes to just name a few. This was well received by the community. We like to host these events during the summer months when the kids aren't in school to give them something to do and create more "out of the home" events. Another idea was to give scholarships to those children who enjoyed the karate classes, etc. but cannot continue them on a regular basis because of the cost.

Robin asked if this settlement money is for other community-based businesses? The money that we have received and will be receiving do not have any reporting parameters as of yet. We initiated this in today's meeting to start coming up with ideas on how we can spend this money. Once we are given parameters, then we can start distributing this money. This money is there to assist with programs and ideas, with the idea that there will be sustainability within the program. If there is someone that has a request, they can reach out to Diane Weed or Sara Rice. Mark Scafidi asked if there was going to be an application/request of funds process from this money and if there will be a board to approve where this money was going. As of right now we are at the beginning stages of this funding. We wanted to add this to today's agenda to start looking for ideas. As of right now, there is not an application process for this money but we can look into it and see what other counties are doing. The county commissioners are the individuals that approve the spending of this money. Mark Scafidi- how much money is there and how long will we get it for? The first payment received was for \$56,000 and the second payment will be \$82,000. We should receive payments for 18 years per Commissioner Hamilton. Mark Scafidi- Will we have a rundown of how this money is spent? The money spent is tracked very carefully within our fiscal department just like how other funds are spent. Robin- how long do we have to spend the money each year? 18 months.

Malachi made a motion to close the meeting, Saira seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Submitted By:



Diane Weed
D&A Assistant Administrator



Saira Olson
Secretary