

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

Attendance: Roger Bunn, Cindy Grand, Kimberly Jayne, Anne McNeal, John Newell, Commissioner Shane Nickerson, Mellissa Parsons, Theresa Swain, 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 September meeting minutes. No questions, concerns or comments. Cindy accepted minutes as presented, Shane seconded. Meeting minutes approved.

Business:

Opioid Settlement Dollars:

Budgets are stalled at the state and federal levels. The Single County Authority will be asking to use Opioid Settlement Dollars to assist with treatment costs for individuals that are underinsured or uninsured. It is standard practice to look at all other avenues of payment before treatment is funded by the Single County Authority. The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs is telling us to not limit treatment to individuals. We cannot refuse treatment of the priority population. It is unknown when the budget will pass. Question- once the budget passes, will the Opioid Settlement Dollar fund be replenished? Yes, if the budget allows us to. Across the state of Pennsylvania, more people are showing up for treatment. Question- Do we know what rate the Single County Authority pays for treatment? We pay the Community Care Behavioral Health rate for the facilities we contract with. Because of the budget impasse, no rates were increased this year. Rate increases will potentially happen in January if the budget passes.

Question—Are other Single County Authority's across the state using Opioid Settlement Dollars for this? Other SCA's are using line of credit. The first two months the Single County Authority has spent \$64,000 on treatment and it is estimated that \$80,000-\$100,000 will need for treatment between now and June 2026. The Planning Council has agreed to use Opioid Settlement Dollars for treatment costs for individuals up to \$100,000. Commissioner Nickerson made a motion to accept. Joelle seconded. Motion carried.

Colleen Evert, our prevention advocate, has resigned from the Tioga County Partnership. Diane is scheduled to meet with the new prevention advocate to discuss prevention efforts in Tioga County.

The Single County Authority is collaborating with the Tioga County Human Services Specialized Services department. We now have two individuals that are currently training for the LifeSkills evidence-based prevention curriculum for at-risk youth. This curriculum will be used within the Adventure Challenge Experience (A.C.E.) program. It is intended to get two more individuals trained in this as well.

The Walk For Recovery event that was held on the Green in Wellsboro, PA was well-attended. Diane intends to expand recovery events to other communities in our county. Commissioner Nickerson recognizes that Tioga County has a growing recovering community.

The Recovery Hub is hosting an ethics training for certified recovery specialists on October 24th at the Tokishi Banquet Room on Nypum Drive in Wellsboro. Please feel free to share this information.

Colleen shares that Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural Pennsylvania has a Seeking Safety training on October 23rd and still has spots available. They are also sponsoring a two-day Trauma Focus Cognitive Behavioral Therapy training at the Meadows Psychiatric Center in Centre Hall scheduled for December 4th and 5th. They are hosting a Grant Writing workshop on November 7th for all county staff. If there are open spots, they will open it up to providers as well.

September 2025 Treatment Trends:

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People:

# assessed	Female	Male	12-17	18-25	26-59	60+
16	4	12	1	4	11	0

Drug of Choice:

Alcohol	Heroin	Meth	Cocaine/crack	Marijuana	Other Opiates	Other amphetamines	Benzodiazepine
8	1	6	0	0	0	1	0

Referred to-Level of Care:

0.5 EI	1.0 OP	2.1 IOP	3.7 WM	3.5 IP	3.1 HWH
0	3	0	1	3	0

Priority Populations:

Pregnant Women	Women w/ children	Person who injects drugs	Overdose Survivor	Active Duty	Veteran
0	0	0	1	0	1

Screen outs: 4

Roger made motion to close meeting, Commissioner Nickerson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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Secretary

Diane Weed

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D&A Assistant Administrator