Meadowlark Counseling Services Annual Report 2024 - Narrative

Meadowlark Counseling Services is proud to reflect on a year of growth, service, and community engagement in 2024. As a fully licensed outpatient addiction counseling clinic in Pennsylvania, we specialize in offering drug and alcohol counseling and assessments for teens, adults, and their loved ones. Our work is dedicated to empowering individuals to overcome challenges with substance use and addiction while fostering recovery and well-being.

This past year, we continued our mission to serve individuals and families in Tioga, Bradford, and Potter counties. By being credentialed with both Medicaid and CHiP we ensure that our services remain accessible and affordable for those who need them the most. Our commitment to inclusivity and affordability drives every aspect of our operations.

Professional development has been a cornerstone of our success this year. Our team actively pursued opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills by attending conferences such as the PA Treatment Court Conference and the Penn State Addiction Conference, along with other relevant industry events. These experiences enriched our understanding and strengthened our ability to stay current and support our clients effectively.

Community engagement remained at the heart of our work in 2024. We participated in a range of events designed to connect with and educate the community. Highlights include Trunk or Treat in Mansfield, which provided a safe and enjoyable environment for children and families, and the Walk for Recovery in Tioga County, where we supported recovery efforts and raised awareness about addiction. Our team also visited the Gaudenzia MAT mobile unit to strengthen partnerships aimed at improving medication-assisted treatment accessibility. Additionally, we co-hosted a Vaping Seminar at Wellsboro Schools to educate youth and families on vaping risks and participated in the Tioga County Human Services Educational Event to address mental health and addiction stigma through the Reverse Stigma initiative. At the Tioga County Senior Expo, we connected with Tioga County seniors to address their unique needs and promote available services.

The year was marked by several major milestones that reflect our commitment to growth and service. We expanded our reach by opening a new location in Knoxville, PA supported by a grant from the Deerfield Charitable Trust and the wonderful people from Celebrate Recovery and the Tioga County Partnership for Community Health. This new facility broadens access to our SUD counseling services in the "valley." In Mansfield, we purchased a new, larger property and began construction to double the offices of our current facility, which is scheduled to open early 2025. These expansions are a testament to our dedication to meeting the needs of our community.

Meadowlark Counseling Services also experienced significant growth in other areas. Our SUD counseling team grew to include four counselors, increasing our capacity to serve more clients effectively. Through responsible fiscal management and community support, we achieved notable financial growth, which has allowed us to sustain and expand our operations. The rising number of individuals and families seeking our services reflects the trust and reliance our community places in

None of this progress would have been possible without the invaluable support of our community partners. Collaborations with Tioga County Human Services, Tioga County Court, and Tioga County Probation have been instrumental in addressing community needs, creating recovery pathways, and supporting rehabilitation and client success. These partnerships strengthen our ability to make a meaningful impact.

As we look forward to 2025, we remain steadfast in our mission to provide accessible, compassionate, and impactful care to our community. With the anticipated opening of our new Mansfield location and a continued focus on professional development, community engagement, and partnership development, we are excited about the opportunities to expand our impact even further in the coming year.

Meadowlark Counseling Services is a disabled veteran-owned business. Dr. Joshua R. Battin is the sole proprietor and President of Meadowlark Counseling Services, LLC.