

# FOREST-WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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ATOD/MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 4, 2022  
Human Services 12:00 p.m.

**Present:** Alyce Busch (via Zoom), Shirley Edmondson (via Zoom), Commissioner Eggleston (via Zoom), Amanda Hetrick, Dr. John John (via Zoom), Judy McDaid, Danell Sowers (via Zoom), Jessica Uber (via Zoom)

**Absent:** Spencer Duffee, Commissioner Huffman, Pam Khare, Lily Morse

**Staff Present:** Ronna Tipton, Julie Lacki, Betsy Miller, Annette Miller, Recording Secretary

## Ex-Officio:

**Guests:** Lisa Babo (via Zoom), Kim Holt (via Zoom), Kari Salapek (via Zoom), Tara McQuaid (via Zoom)

## I INTRODUCTIONS

- Amanda Hetrick called the meeting to order and initiated roll call.

## II MINUTES

- A quorum was present and Amanda Hetrick asked for a motion to approve the minutes from December 7, 2021. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes, all were in favor and the motion carried.

## III TREASURER REPORT

- Ronna Tipton shared that the current balance is \$1,400.99 and there were no requests.

## IV STATISTICS – Available in packet

## V CONSUMER/FAMILY CONCERNS

- Ronna Tipton gave the Consumer/Family Concerns report. She gave an update on the concern from last month two months. The family continues to live in bad conditions with no heat other than space heaters. We have followed up with Adult Protective Services, the ID program, the Township and VFD and an Attorney, and there continues to be nothing we can do other than monitor the situation.

## VI UPDATES

### a) ATOD

- Betsy Miller gave the ATOD report. Betsy updated gave an update on the open Forensic Case Manager position. Two interviews were conducted and she plans to reach out to another three applicants to schedule interviews. If nothing pans out the position may need to be reposted.

- Both Forest and Warren counties have signed on to be a part of the opioid settlement through the Attorney General. All of the SCA's will meet virtually with the Attorney General on Wednesday for more information. Each county will receive at minimum one million dollars over the next eighteen years.

**b) MH**

- Ronna Tipton gave the MH report. The crisis hotline through Center for Community Resources began in December but the rollout fell apart. There was much confusion as to who would take care of what and then Warren experienced two deaths by suicide by two 15-year-old boys within 48 hours of each other. The CCR response and materials they distributed added to the confusion. Ronna met today with Intake and the MH Director to discuss. They hope to have a virtual Meet and Greet with CCR soon for community education.
- In reference to the death by suicide by the young boys, Warren Area High School stated that there was a large community response. Ronna is regrouping the Suicide Prevention Group.

**c) DD/EI**

- Ronna Tipton gave the DD report. Both ID and EI are currently dealing with staff COVID and the agency is providing support as needed.
- An email was shared with the Board regarding upcoming webinars on the waiver changes.
- There was no additional EI report.

**d) Managed Care**

- Ronna Tipton gave the Managed Care report. The Board and various committees are working on understanding the changes to the Sunshine Act

**e) Human Services Plan**

- Ronna Tipton gave the Human Services Plan update. The Warren County plan was approved with a few changes.

**f) Other**

- Kim Holt, Family Services, shared that D&A referrals have increased but they are able to get them in. There is a 4 – 6 week wait list for Mental Health, but they are able to triage those that need immediate attention.
- Kari Salapek, Beacon Light, shared that they have a lengthy waitlist for Outpatient and will provide referrals for anyone not wanting to wait, however they are able to get people in quickly for intakes and med management. The child programs are down staff so there is a waitlist but they are triaging as needed.

**VII Nominating Committee**

- Commissioner Eggleston has one potential nomination but needs to get a firm confirmation.

**VII ADJOURNMENT**

- Amanda dismissed the meeting.
- Next Meeting is February 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

*Annette Miller, Recording Secretary*