

FOREST-WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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ATOD/MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
Human Services 12:00 p.m.

Present: Shirley Edmondson (via Zoom), Commissioner Eggleston, Amanda Hetrick, Dr. John John, Pam Khare, Danell Sowers (via Zoom)

Absent: Alyce Busch, Spencer Duffee, Commissioner Huffman, Judy McDaid, Lily Morse, Jessica Uber

Staff Present: Ronna Tipton, Julie Lacki, Betsy Miller, Tammi Shippee, Annette Miller (Recording Secretary)

Ex-Officio:

Guests: Lisa Babo (via Zoom), Jen Gesing, Colleen Wilber (via Zoom), Dr. Nichole Harrison, Kim Holt (via Zoom), Gary Leet (via Zoom)

I INTRODUCTIONS

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

II MINUTES

- There was no quorum so the minutes from February 1, 2022 could not be approved.

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

- There was no Consumer/Family Concerns report. Amanda asked that the Consumer/Family Concerns be moved to last on the Agenda for future meetings. Commissioner Eggleston shared that there needs to be a conversation as to what constitutes a concern that should be brought to the Board.

VI UPDATES

- a) **ATOD-** Betsy Miller gave the ATOD report.
 - The new D&A Forensic Case Manager, Abby Cromwell, starts next week. She will work with our population in jail and once released to try to keep them engaged and successful in recovery.
 - Betsy will send the Board information on the Opioid Settlement and will bring a list of gaps in the continuum of treatment for our area to the next meeting to discuss suggestions on best uses for the funds.

b) MH- Julie Lacki gave the MH report.

- The YMCA is looking to bring in mental health wellness alongside the physical wellness. She believes they will be hiring staff dedicated to mental wellness.
- There will be a meeting with law enforcement and our crisis provider to discuss each other's roles in the case the law enforcement is called to a crisis and discuss what force LEO's can use. The new Mobile Crisis employee, Tony Chimenti, has started his training.
- The psychiatric unit at Warren General Hospital is undergoing a remodel and they have dropped to five beds during this time. We have had issues with some patients sitting in the ER for days waiting to be transferred.

c) DD/EI- Tammi Shippee gave the DD report.

- DD will be interviewing for the open Supports Coordinator position.
- Senate Bill 924, which put a five year moratorium on closing on State Centers (Polk & White Haven), passed and is now in the House. Even if the House approves, the Governor could still veto.
- EI is prepping for their State audit.

d) Managed Care- Ronna Tipton gave the Managed Care report.

- No updates to report.

e) Human Services Plan- Ronna Tipton gave the Human Services Plan update.

- Plan had been approved and there is no update.

f) Other

- ERAP 1 (Emergency Rental Assistance Program) has spent \$1,567,758.00 in Warren County. EOC is starting to take applications for ERAP II.
- Discussion was held on applying for a PCCD Grant available to address youth mental health needs that have become apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Options discussed were proposals for a Consultant to look at what we offer and the gaps we have, funding staff in school to address individual needs, funding and training for "facility dogs", a mental health needs assessment/and or strategic plan. Beacon Light offered the possibility of expanding their med management. There was consensus that what is undertaken must be a coordinated effort by all agencies in the community. Commissioner Eggleston will send an email requesting assistance from those willing to work on the grant proposal.
- Next month discussion will be held on the purpose of the Board. Bylaws will be emailed to members to review for the discussion.

VII Nominating Committee

- Dr. Nichole Harrison, Deerfield Behavioral Health, was recommended to fill the vacant Board seat. There was no quorum so a vote could not be taken to approve her appointment.

VII ADJOURNMENT

- Amanda dismissed the meeting.
- Next Meeting is April 5, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Miller, Recording Secretary