

FOREST-WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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ATOD/MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 5, 2022
Human Services 12:00 p.m.

Present: Alyce Busch (via Zoom), Commissioner Eggleston, Amanda Hetrick, Commissioner Huffman, Pam Khare (via Zoom), Danell Sowers

Absent: Spencer Duffee, Shirley Edmondson, Dr. John John, Judy McDaid, Lily Morse, Jessica Uber

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

Ex-Officio: Susan Miller (via Zoom)

Guests: Lisa Babo (via Zoom), Jen Gesing, Dr. Nichole Harrison, Gary Leet (via Zoom), Jean Berry (via Zoom), Tara McQuaid (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 and the minutes from March 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

- The ATOD statistics were incorrect and will be corrected for next month.

V UPDATES

- a) **ATOD-** Betsy Miller gave the ATOD report.
 - Betsy just submitted the information for our annual DDAP audit and the Auditor will be here the first week of June.
 - Betsy worked on setting rates for residential providers in our area. Abraxas did not request a rate increase for this year. Due to some SCA staffing changes, we are overseeing the rates for Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services out of McKean County this year. They had requested a rate increase which was approved.

b) MH- Julie Lacki gave the MH report.

- Waiting for the new Mobile Crisis staff to physically start; he is still in training.
- Held a meeting with law enforcement, our crisis provider and Chris from OMHSAS 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.
- Working on a jail referral to the LTSR (Long Term Structured Residential) in Brookville.
- Met with Beacon Light Blended Case Management staff for a meet and greet.
- Work is being done on the new Allegheny Valley Veterans Center Homeless Shelter. They will accept veterans from other areas as well. Human Services will reach out to collaborate on needs.

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

- DD filled the open Supports Coordinator position and the new employee will be starting in a few weeks.
- One staff resigned so they will again have an open Supports Coordinator position.
- An Autism Awareness event will be held Thursday at Holy Redeemer from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- EI is prepping for their State audit in May.
- One staff is out on a medical leave.

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

- Ronna and Betsy continue to attend committee meetings and are learning their responsibilities.
- Community Care virtually held their first quarter adult member meeting for Region 3. Center for Community Resources gave a presentation on the new Crisis program. The second meeting will be virtual and Lisa Babo will share the dates when finalized.
- The Recovery Library, available to members on the CCBH website, has been renamed to the Academy Plus Library. Members only need their Access card to register to use the tool.
- CCBH will have a vendor table at the Autism event on Thursday.

e) Human Services Plan- There was no Human Services Plan update.

f) Other

- Susan Miller, new Forest County Public Health Nurse, introduced herself and spoke a bit about setting up for clinic availability.
- The Commissioners passed a resolution in support of an increase in base funding for Human Services. They will be launching a larger effort in support of it this week. Anyone interested in participating to help build support can call Commissioner Eggleston or email him at ejeff@warrencountypa.gov.
- The Commissioners are starting a document to use for advocacy at the legislative level to change the regulations related to hiring. Especially in rural areas, the hiring regulations regarding required credentials presents a challenge and much time is spent on diverting clients as there is not enough qualified staff per the regulations. It is a complicated issue and the goal is to distill the information down so that a legislator can understand it, drop a bill and pass it. They are looking others interested in having this discussion to assist in the effort. Anyone wanting to assist in the effort can contact Commissioner Eggleston or reach out to Annette and she will forward the information to him.
- Commissioner Eggleston gave an update on the PCCD Grant available to address youth mental health needs that have become apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic. He spoke to many different people to get interest in putting together a grant application. No on bit, however there was constant discussion on a Strategic Plan or putting together a planning document around youth mental health or mental health in general. He asked the group if they would be willing to have a sub-group work on determining the need for a strategic plan. Anyone wishing to assist can contact Commissioner Eggleston.
- Betsy passed around information and shared an overview on the Opioid Settlement funding and approved uses of the funding, along with an overview of the identified needs from our last Treatment

Needs Assessment completed Spring 2021. Possible uses of the funding could be MAT in the jail, funding the continuation of the D&A Forensic Case Manager position, renovations at the jail, prevention and education. Commissioner Eggleston discussed the opportunity to use this funding to build out at the jail to provide a treatment focused space. Betsy asked that if anyone has any ideas or suggestions to please share them with her. They will be discussing this at the next Governing Board meeting on April 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the Commissioners Annex in Forest County and the meeting is open to the public if anyone would like to attend.

VI Nominating Committee

- No vote could be taken on the new Board member as there was no quorum.

VII CONSUMER/FAMILY CONCERNS

- There were no consumer/family concerns

VIII ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Miller, Recording Secretary