

FOREST-WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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ATOD/MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
Human Services 12:00 p.m.

Present: Spencer Duffee (via Zoom), Shirley Edmondson (via Zoom), Commissioner Eggleston (via Zoom), Dr. John John, Pam Khare, Lily Morse (via Zoom), Danell Sowers

Absent: Alyce Busch, Amanda Hetrick, Commissioner Huffman, Judy McDaid, Jessica Uber

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

Ex-Officio: Susan Miller (via Zoom)

Guests: Jen Gesing (via Zoom), Gary Leet (via Zoom), Tara McQuaid (via Zoom), Jennifer Stubs (via Zoom)

I INTRODUCTIONS

- Commissioner Eggleston called the meeting to order.

II MINUTES

- A quorum was present and Commissioner Eggleston asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 1, 2022, the minutes from March 1, 2022, and the minutes from April 5, 2022. A motion was made and seconded to accept all of 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 UPDATES

- ATOD-** Betsy Miller gave the ATOD report.
 - The plan for gambling funding was submitted and approved.
 - Betsy and Shery Henry from Beacon Light prevention attended the recent SADD conference. Approximately 70 kids attended. Sheriff Zeybel was one of the speakers, and he covered great topics and they had some good activities.
- MH-** Julie Lacki gave the MH report.
 - Met with the Jail and Beacon Light staff to discuss how to better serve individuals being released from jail.
 - MH has begun working on contracts for FY 22-23.

- Warren State Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility referrals are up, there were three referrals to WSH just last week.
 - Close to rolling out the Mobile Crisis piece of the new crisis service. Will be meeting with Center for Community Resources to discuss.
 - 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 is in the process of hiring a new Supports Coordinator.
 - The Autism Awareness event last month went well.
 - EI is fairly well prepared for their State audit next week.
 - One staff still out on a medical leave so they continue to be short staffed.
- d) **Managed Care-** Ronna Tipton gave the Managed Care report.
- New flyers from Community Care were emailed to the Board. They are more focused on members who have Substance Use Disorders services.
 - Currently our new crisis service is funded by reinvestment dollars. Ronna has reached out to BHARP to see where we are with the funding to know when Human Services will need to start paying for the service.
 - Conditional approval was given on our four-apartment housing project. Ronna will follow up with BHARP.
- e) **Human Services Plan-** Ronna Tipton gave the Human Services Plan update.
- Ronna expects the directions for the 22-23 Human Services Plan will be out any time now.
- f) **Other**
- May is Mental Health Awareness month and there are many community activities planned.
 - The Commissioners this week will start another round of advocacy for the increase of Human Services base funding.
 - Commissioner Eggleston shared that they put in for a congressionally directed spending allocation with Senator Casey's office for a comprehensive housing needs assessment and strategic plan. He will meet with them again this week to see where we are in that process. The goal would be to hire a consultant to look at Warren, Forest and surrounding counties and do a deep dive into identifying needs and funding streams available to address those needs.
 - Within the next couple weeks Commissioner Eggleston plans to get back to trying to get a bill together for the State Legislature to address the issues with employment related to credentials and various requirements.

VI Nominating Committee

- Commissioner Eggleston shared the nomination of Dr. Nichole Harrison to join as a new member to the Board. A motion was made and seconded to approve the nomination, all were in favor and the motion carried.

VII CONSUMER/FAMILY CONCERNS

- Ronna shared that we have been struggling with local homelessness recently. She will be touring the Allegheny Valley Veterans Center Homeless Shelter on 5/13/22 at 2:30 if others would like to join. Potter County has a homeless shelter up and running and we will be meeting with the Potter County

Administrator to see how they did that to see if we can do something similar here. EOC is reporting that local housing stock is minimal/limited.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Eggleston asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn, all were in favor and the motion carried.
- Next Meeting is June 7, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Miller, Recording Secretary