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ATOD/MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Human Services 12:00 p.m.

Present: Alyce Busch (via Zoom), Spencer Duffee (via Zoom), Commissioner Eggleston, Amanda Hetrick, Dr. John John (via Zoom), Pam Khare, Judy McDaid (via Zoom)

Absent: Shirley Edmondson, Nichole Harrison, Commissioner Huffman, Judy McDaid, Lily Morse, Danell Sowers, Jessica Uber

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

Ex-Officio: Susan Miller (via Zoom)

Guests: Jen Gesing (via Zoom), Kim Holt (via Zoom), Tara McQuaid (via Zoom), Jean Berry (via Zoom), Gary Leet (via Zoom), Lisa Babo (via Zoom), Jennifer Stubbs (via Zoom)

I INTRODUCTIONS

- Amanda Hetrick called the meeting to order.

II MINUTES

- No quorum was present so the minutes from July 5, 2022 and the minutes from August 2, 2022 could not be approved.

III TREASURER REPORT

- The current balance is \$1,400.99 and there have been no requests.
- Discussion was held on best items to purchase for Red Ribbon week. As there was no quorum to vote on using the funds, it was discussed to have FWHS or Beacon Light make the purchase and the Board can reimburse when a vote can be taken.

IV STATISTICS – Available in packet

V UPDATES

- a) **ATOD-** Betsy Miller gave the ATOD report.
 - There is a newly licensed inpatient drug and alcohol facility in Sheffield being run by Taylor Diversion. The name is Sanctity of Life and they will have beds for eight to ten males. Betsy and BHARP are working with them to get them in network for CCBH funding and County funding.
 - Betsy is working on the next phase for prevention, which consists of evaluating the plans and data from the last two years to identify if we have met any of our targets. She hopes to have a draft of the report for next month.

- Reinvestment funds are being used towards a few unmet needs in the area. They are working with Huntington Creek on an adolescent inpatient facility that should be ready in January. They are also working on a male halfway house in Punxsutawney that should be able to take in residents by next July.
- b) MH-** Julie Lacki gave the MH report.
- A meeting was held with the mobile crisis provider to discuss a few issues we have had with us asking for them to respond and have been told no. It was determined that if Jan Burek from Intake has an issue she will contact them directly.
 - The number of 302's in the month of July and August were quite high, no one specific demographic, but across the board.
 - A meeting was held with Aging and WGH to discuss the rising MH and D&A needs in the older population. Julie and Betsy will be going with staff from the Aging office to a conference on mental health and substance use needs in the elderly.
 - Dr. John will be speaking at the Allegheny Community Center September 15th at 10:30 a.m. He will be giving a mental health overview.
 - Julie received the recent invoice for the involuntary commitments and several individuals were kept longer than usual.
- c) DD/EI-** Tammi Shippee gave the DD and EI report.
- Tammi completed the Quality Improvement and Self-Assessment and submitted it to ODP.
 - The EI/ID Clerical resigned effective 9/20/22 and the position will be posted.
 - A respite provider terminated their contract with ODP.
 - We still have five individuals residing at Polk. Three of them would like to move to another State facility and two want to go into the community.
 - There was a consumer death in the last couple of weeks.
- d) Managed Care-** Betsy Miller gave the Managed Care report.
- There are a lot of IT related activities going on related to moving data from one vendor to another.
 - CCBH had provided rate increases for ambulatory care providers retroactive back to January 1, 2022. There was good feedback that providers were grateful.
- e) Human Services Plan-** Betsy Miller gave the Human Services Plan report.
- The plan was submitted.
- f) Other**
- Commissioner Eggleston shared that Adam McNeil will be the new Forest Warren Human Services Director and his start date will be October 3, 2022.
 - Commissioner Eggleston will be looking to meet with directors of agencies to discuss the push for legislative change in regards to hiring he had spoken about previously.
 - Another project Commissioner Eggleston is working on is trying to get an adaptive ball field and soccer field in Warren County. He is trying to arrange a meeting with City Council and the Betts Foundation. The goal is to get approval and then do fundraising.
 - Kim Holt shared information on the Overdose Awareness event that had been organized by Family Services. She was very happy with the turn out.
 - Gary Leet shared that Beacon Light received approval for a prevention specialist position at Warren Area Elementary Center.

VI CONSUMER/FAMILY CONCERNS

- Betsy gave an update on the concern from last month regarding potential guardianship issues.

VII ADJOURNMENT

- There was no quorum and Amanda dismissed the meeting.
- Next Meeting is October 4, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Miller, Recording Secretary