

FOREST-WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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ATOD/MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Human Services – Phone Conference – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Alyce Busch (via phone), Shirley Edmondson (via phone), Amanda Hetrick, Pam Khare, Judy McDaid (via phone), Lily Morse (via phone), Danell Sowers

Absent: Spencer Duffee, Commissioner Eggleston, Commissioner Huffman, Jessica Uber

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

Ex-Officio:

Guests: Brian Smith, Ronnie Senior

I INTRODUCTIONS

- Amanda Hetrick called the meeting to order.

II MINUTES

- There was no quorum so the minutes from July 6, 2021 and the minutes from August, 3, 2021 could not be approved.

III TREASURER REPORT

- The current balance is \$1707.87 and there have been no requests. Betsy Miller discussed some possible expenditures for Red Ribbon week and it will be put on the agenda for next month for a Board vote.

IV STATISTICS – Available in packet

V CONSUMER/FAMILY CONCERNS

- Ronna Tipton gave the Consumer/Family Concerns report. An individual's sister had a concern regarding abuse/neglect and money. The concern is being investigated, however the individual has not been deemed incompetent, has a driver's license, and is fully able to make his own decisions regarding how his money is spent. The sister may not agree with his choices but they are his to make.

VI UPDATES

a) ATOD

- Betsy Miller gave the ATOD report. Betsy shared information on funding available that can be used to expand Case Management. She has submitted a proposal for a Forensic Case Manager. If approved, the new Case Manager would complete Drug & Alcohol evaluations for individuals while incarcerated and

then provide ongoing Case Coordination when released in the hopes of identifying needs and keeping the individual engaged in treatment.

- The available funding can also be used for prevention and she is looking at additional prevention needs; a media campaign, SAP training, staff training, and medication disposal bags.

b) MH

- Ronna Tipton gave the MH report. September is Suicide Awareness month. The organization CORE (Choosing Openness Regarding Experiences) is selling t-shirts and the web link will be sent to the Board. Human Services is doing a rock painting activity where employees can paint the rocks, add anti-suicide messages and then place them around the community.
- Julie Lacki shared that we held a meeting with Warren General Hospital staff, law enforcement chiefs, jail staff, the District Attorney, and our OMHSAS contact. They discussed the emergency treatment needs of incarcerated individuals and how they should be handled. The meeting was very productive and they will hold them every six months.

c) DD/EI

- Ronna Tipton gave the DD report. Direct Service Providers Recognition Week is coming up to honor the direct care staff in the group homes. The Warren County Commissioners will be paying Taylors Treats ice cream truck to go to the various group homes and provide treats for the staff as a small token of thanks for all they have and continue to do.
- There was no EI report.

d) Managed Care

- Ronna Tipton gave the Managed Care report. They are looking at reinvestment funds from 19/20 to determine which projects will be approved. Ronna will ask the contractor for new estimates on building the two new permanent houses (four apartments) she had previously proposed.
- Betsy shared that the administration of the Managed Care contract by BHARP is going well.

e) Human Services Plan

- Ronna Tipton gave the Human Services Plan update. The plan awaits approval.

f) Other

- Ronna shared that Human Services has a new website under the Warren County website: <https://pa-warrencounty.civicplus.com/1178/ForestWarrenHuman-Services> .
- We will no longer use the call in number for the Board meetings due to security issues. Next month we will use the Zoom platform. The instructions for Zoom and calling in will be on the agenda.
- CCAP is having weekly webinars on Work Force Development that Ronna has participated in.
- Danell Sowers shared that the Senior Health Expo was cancelled.
- Amanda Hetrick shared that they have two new counselors, Brittany Pasinsky and Corey Gibson.

VII ADJOURNMENT

- There was no quorum to vote for adjournment and Amanda dismissed the meeting.
- Next Meeting is October 5, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Miller, Recording Secretary