

FOREST-WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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ATOD/MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 2, 2021
Human Services 12:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Spencer Duffee, Shirley Edmondson, Commissioner Huffman, Judy McDaid, Lily Morse, Jessica Uber

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

Ex-Officio: Cheryl Burton

Guests: Dr. Nichole Harrison, Lisa Babo (via Zoom), Colleen Wilber (via Zoom), Dr. John John (via Zoom), Jen Gesing (via Zoom)

I INTRODUCTIONS

- Amanda Hetrick called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

II MINUTES

- There was no quorum so the minutes from October 5, 2021 could not be approved.

III TREASURER REPORT

- Ronna did not have the most current bank statement to provide a balance. The Board reimbursed Forest Warren Human Services for the Red Ribbon Week expenditures of approximately \$220.00.

IV STATISTICS – Available in packet

- Ronna shared information on an OMHSAS survey requesting information on some statistics we do not track, such as number of suicides, number referred for housing, and the number of 302's initiated. We may need to start including some of these statistics.

V CONSUMER/FAMILY CONCERNS

- Ronna Tipton gave the Consumer/Family Concerns report. There is a concern regarding mother and son, both intellectually disabled, who are living in squalor and refusing to leave. They have no heat; are using an electric heater, and are in a hoarding situation. Adult Protective Services and the Office of Developmental programs were contacted and as they are not care dependent, they have a right to choose to live there. We are trying to provide options but cannot force them to do anything.

- Beacon Light is looking at closing one of their MH CHIPP houses due to staffing issues. There are three females in the home, two may go to nursing homes or boarding homes and the other may go to the male home.

VI UPDATES

a) ATOD

- Betsy Miller gave the ATOD report. Our application for prevention funding through DDAP was approved. The funding will be used to continue with the consultant for the Prevention Needs Assessment, training for staff, SAP training and maintenance, purchase additional Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder materials, implement a campaign called “Parents Who Host Lose the Most” to try to reduce the number of parents who provide alcohol to their children. The funding will also be used for safe prescription drug disposal with the medication disposal bags.
- We had our DDAP monitoring last week. A few tweaks to policies will need to be made, we will need to fill a few holes in our provider continuum of services, and there were some contract language issues across the state that are being worked through. All in house direct services did well.
- Health Choices committee approved moving forward with the Certified Recovery Specialist plan for Family Services.
- As a result of a recent DDAP survey on D&A confidentiality in regards to barriers to treatment, a recommendation has been made to align with the Federal D&A confidentiality requirements, which are a little less strict than the current State requirements.

b) MH

- Ronna Tipton gave the MH report. The contract with Center for Community Resources for Mobile Crisis Service will start December 1, 2021.
- Discussion took place on the enforceability and effectiveness of 304's.

c) DD/EI

- Tammi Shippee gave the DD report. New Supports Coordinator starting soon and another retiring 12/31/21.
- ODP issued their annual waiting list for waivers report. There are 12,357 people across Pennsylvania waiting for waivers and we have 37 individuals waiting.
- There was no EI report.

d) Managed Care

- Ronna Tipton gave the Managed Care report. Ronna introduced Collen Wilber, who has taken the place of Ronnie Senior as our Service Systems Specialist with BHARP.

e) Human Services Plan

- Ronna Tipton gave the Human Services Plan update. We were required to update and clarify some information in the plan and resubmit.

f) Other

- Ronna shared information on the continued work of the Local Housing Options team paired with the Homeless Committee. They are looking at funding or grant options to be able to expand housing or renovate housing in the community. Commissioner Eggleston is looking into a grant to fund a Comprehensive Housing Plan to assess and address the county needs. Discussion was held on perhaps a regional approach as well, incorporating surrounding counties.

VII Nominating Committee

- No recommendations for the two open positions just yet, hopefully will have nominations for a vote next month.
- Board members whose terms will end 12/31/21, Pam Khare, Danell Sowers, and Amanda Hetrick, all indicated they would be willing to continue. A Board vote will be needed for Danell and Amanda to continue as they have served their two-term limit.
- All current officers are eligible and willing to continue for another year. A Board vote will be required.

VII ADJOURNMENT

- Amanda dismissed the meeting.
- Next Meeting is December 7, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Miller, Recording Secretary