

FOREST WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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ATOD/MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Human Services 12:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Eggleston, Amanda Hetrick, Pam Khare, Danell Sowers, Jessica Uber (via Zoom), Diane Weckerly, Commissioner Wimer

Absent: Alyce Busch, Dr. Nichole Harrison, Dr. John John, Judy McDaid, Lily Morse

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

Ex-Officio:

Guests: Trista Wilcox, Lisa Babo (via Zoom), Jean Berry (via Zoom), Jen Gesing (via Zoom), Amanda Milliren (via Zoom), Levii Beardsley (via Zoom), Kim Thurston (via Zoom)

I INTRODUCTIONS

- Commissioner Eggleston called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

II MINUTES

- A quorum was present and Commissioner Eggleston asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 3, 2023 and the minutes from November 7, 2023. A motion was made and seconded to accept all of the minutes, all were in favor and the motion carried.

III TREASURER REPORT

- There was no treasurer report.

IV STATISTICS – Available in packet

V UPDATES

- a) ATOD-** Betsy Miller gave the ATOD update.
 - Betsy will be retiring at the end of the year and has been working on tying up loose ends.
 - There has been a change to confidentiality rules for Drug and Alcohol and she is working on updating the related policies and releases.
 - Continuing to work on the opioid settlement.
 - Work has been ongoing for a year on getting liens removed from properties at 11 and 13 Madison Avenue. Bob Raible was finally able to get that done last week and EOC will make these properties four units total, funded through reinvestment funds, for low income individuals with behavioral health disorders.
 - Commissioner Eggleston thanked Betsy for her years of service to the Agency.

b) MH- Julie Lacki gave the MH update.

- Finalizing the Strategic Plan with the consultants. The plan will be coming out in January.
- There have been increased referrals to Warren State Hospital.
- Julie attended a meeting in Dubois related to ER boarding and it was not what she was expecting. She did not come away with any solutions.
- She attended a meeting on 988 and 911. The presentation was on what 988 is and how it can work with 911. She met an individual from Warren County 911 that was there and they have held a subsequent meeting, which went well.
- Met with Beacon Light to discuss how to continue to fund Elementary Student Assistance after the grant money is gone.
- Betsy shared that Patty Mead did a presentation at the recent CASSP meeting and outlined the various mental health services she has developed using ESSER funds that will end at the end of this school year. There are about eight contracted employees who will no longer have funding. Patty was hoping for some brainstorming on how to cover some of those services.

c) DD/EI- Tammi Shippee gave the DD and EI update.

- She completed provider monitoring for Community Resources for Independence. There was only one area of remediation, which was corrected on site at that time.
- Received our ODP report from their onsite visit. There were a few policy corrections/additions and those will be submitted next week.
- Both programs participated in the Christmas Walk last Friday night.
- DD and EI are both still fully staffed.

d) Managed Care- There was no Managed Care update.

e) Human Services Plan- Julie Lacki gave the Human Services Plan update.

- The plan was approved.

f) Other

- Danell Sowers thanked both Commissioner Eggleston and Commissioner Wimer for their service to the Board.
- A retirement party will be held for Betsy Miller on December 13, 2023 at the Jefferson Defrees Center from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.
- Commissioner Wimer shared that Commissioner Elect Patrick Kline will be the Forest County delegate for the Board once he is sworn in.

VI CONSUMER/FAMILY CONCERNS

- Danell Sowers discussed the Cambridge closing and how it is very detrimental to our community.

VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- a) Jessica Uber agreed to serve another term on the Board, requiring a Board vote. A motion was made and seconded to approve an additional term, all were in favor and the motion passed.
- b) Mark Rhoads, Forest County Adult Probation, was nominated to fill the seat being vacated by Alyce Busch. A motion was made and seconded to approve Mark, all were in favor and the motion passed. Katie Sobkowski, student at NPRC, was nominated to fill the seat being vacated by Lily Morse, who is no longer a student. A motion was made and seconded to approved Katie, all were in favor and the motion passed.
- c) 2024 Officers put forth were Danell Sowers - Chair, Amanda Hetrick - Vice Chair, Diane Weckerly - Secretary. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Officers, all were in favor and the motion passed.

VIII Speaker – Trista Wilcox, Operations Manager for Forest Warren Mental Wellness Association gave a presentation on the services they offer.

IX ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made and seconded to move the next Board meeting to Monday, January 8, 2024 at noon, all were in favor and the motion passed.
- Commissioner Eggleston dismissed the meeting.
- Next Meeting is January 8, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Miller, Recording Secretary