

FOREST WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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ATOD/MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Human Services 12:00 p.m.

Present: Amanda Hetrick, Pam Khare, Commissioner Kline, Judy McDaid (via Zoom), Mark Rhoads, Danell Sowers, Diane Weckerly

Absent: Commissioner Durbin, Dr. Nichole Harrison, Dr. John John, Katie Sobkowski, Jessica Uber

Staff Present: Adam, McNeill, Melissa Baxter, Julie Lacki, Tammi Shippee, Annette Miller (Recording Secretary)

Ex-Officio:

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

I INTRODUCTIONS

- Danell Sowers called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

II MINUTES

- A quorum was present and Danell Sowers asked for a motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2023 and the minutes from January 8, 2024. A motion was made and seconded to accept all of the minutes, all were in favor and the motion carried.

III TREASURER REPORT

- There have been no requests.

IV STATISTICS – Available in packet

V UPDATES

- a) **ATOD-** Adam McNeill gave the ATOD update.
 - Adam McNeill announced Melissa Baxter as the new SCA Director.
 - Melissa shared that she is learning her new SCA Director duties.
 - The Case Management Supervisor position had been posted and interviews start tomorrow.
 - Adam shared that discussions have been ongoing with the Commissioners on the Opioid Settlement funding. Reports are due by 2/15/23. They are looking at MAT in the jail.
 - Discussion was held on the vaping issue at Forest County Schools brought up last month. Amanda Hetrick is working with Adagio as the prevention provider. She will also reach out to the Forest County Public Health Nurse to see what other resources may be available.

- b) **MH-** Julie Lacki gave the MH update.
 - Continuing to deal with a lot of homelessness.
 - An Administrative Case Manager resigned and the position has been posted.
- c) **DD/EI-** Tammi Shippee gave the DD and EI update.
 - Interviews will be held next week to replace Mary Hall, who is retiring after 39 years.
 - A Supports Coordinator position is open.
- d) **Managed Care-** Adam McNeill gave the Managed Care update.
 - Community Care is hiring some additional Community Resource Specialists.
 - Copies of a flyer on the next Adult Member meeting was passed around.
- e) **Human Services Plan-** Adam McNeill gave the Human Services Plan update.
 - Continuing to work daily on goals and looking at housing options.
- f) **Other**
 - Diane Weckerly shared information on a new Grandparents Group starting next week in Forest County. They will hold meeting monthly and provide resources, supports, and networking for grandparents raising grandchildren.
 - Amanda Hetrick testified at a hearing last week for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. The hearing focused on the population decline in rural areas and what that means for attracting professionals, providing medical services, schools and municipal governments.

VI CONSUMER/FAMILY CONCERNS

- Pam Khare congratulated staff on the good job done with handling of the young man with Down Syndrome who unexpectedly lost his mother last month.

VII Speaker – Rita Lane, Southwest Behavioral Health Management gave a presentation on the Community Support Program.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

- Danell Sowers dismissed the meeting.
- Next Meeting is March 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Miller, Recording Secretary