

# FOREST WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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## ATOD/MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Human Services 12:00 p.m.

**Present:** Commissioner Kline, Mark Rhoads, Danell Sowers, Jessica Uber (via Zoom)

**Absent:** Commissioner Durbin, Dr. Nichole Harrison, Amanda Hetrick, Dr. John John, Pam Khare, Judy McDaid, Katie Sobkowski, Diane Weckerly

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

## Ex-Officio:

**Guests:** Lisa Babo (via Zoom), Erica Bender Jen Gesing (via Zoom), Sarah Warmbrodt, Trista Wilcox (via Zoom), Tara McQuaid (via Zoom)

## I INTRODUCTIONS

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

## II MINUTES

- There was no quorum so the minutes from February 6, 2024 and the minutes from March 5, 2024 could not be approved.

## III TREASURER REPORT

- There have been no requests.

## IV STATISTICS – Available in packet

## V UPDATES

- ATOD-** Melissa Baxter gave the ATOD update.
  - The provider monitoring process is starting.
  - Completed the pre-submission packet for QAA monitoring.
  - A Case Manager resigned, her last day is this Friday, and the position was posted. A new Case Manager started last month.
  - Abraxas has asked for rate increases and the request is being reviewed.
- MH-** Julie Lacki gave the MH update.
  - A new Case Aide has started and is training with Tammy Hawk.
  - A new MH Administrative Case Manager started.
  - Seeing an increase in referrals to Warren State Hospital.

- The State Hospital will be opening a step-down unit for individuals from Torrance. Unsure of the number of beds.
- c) **DD/EI-** Tammi Shippee gave the DD and EI update.
  - A new ID Supports Coordinator was hired.
  - An EI Supports Coordinator position is open and posted.
  - Received 4 Community Living waivers and 1 Consolidated waiver.
  - An Autism Acceptance event will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the Library Theater.
  - A local citizen is trying to have a free autism event at the Warren cinema. We will support in any way we can.
- d) **Managed Care-** Lisa Babo gave the Managed Care update.
  - Lisa shared some feedback from the Adult Member meeting held 3/20/24. There were a few access issues, but overall members seemed pleased.
- e) **Human Services/Strategic Plan-** Adam McNeill gave the Human Services/Strategic Plan update.
  - Continuing to hold meetings to collaborate with other providers in targeting housing options.
  - Identified needs in outreach in our rural areas.
- f) **Other**
  - Erica Bender from Pyramid Healthcare shared that she is working with the Warren County Jail to facilitate inpatient treatment for those in jail that have health insurance.

## **VI CONSUMER/FAMILY CONCERNS**

- There were no Consumer/Family concerns.

## **VII Speaker – There was no speaker.**

## **VIII ADJOURNMENT**

- Danell Sowers dismissed the meeting.
- Next Meeting is May 7, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

*Annette Miller, Recording Secretary*