

FOREST WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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ATOD/MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Human Services 12:00 p.m.

Present: Amanda Hetrick, Pam Khare, Mark Rhoads, Danell Sowers, Diane Weckerly

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

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

Ex-Officio:

Guests: Lisa Babo (via Zoom), Erica Bender (via Zoom), Jen Gesing (via Zoom), Sarah Warmbrodt, Judy Baker, Kim Thurston (via Zoom) Amanda Milliren (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, the minutes from March 5, 2024, and the minutes from April 2, 2024 could not be approved.

III TREASURER REPORT

- There have been no requests.

IV STATISTICS – Available in packet

V UPDATES

- a) **ATOD-** Melissa Baxter gave the ATOD update.
 - Working on Provider Monitoring.
 - Abraxas has appealed the rate we offered, which matched the CCBH rate. Working through the appeal process.
 - Will be attending a Prevention Needs Assessment training in July.
 - The new Case Manager started last week and is in training.
 - Waiver had been submitted to DDAP for Jessica Uber's position on the Board, as she is an employee of a contracted provider. They approved a one-year waiver, and noted that members can only serve two terms unless approved by DDAP. This rule will affect a total of four board members in December when the terms are up.

- b) **MH-** Julie Lacki and Adam McNeill gave the MH update.
 - Seeing a huge increase in numbers of referrals to RTF's.
 - Numbers remain high at Warren State Hospital, we have eleven there currently.
 - Jen Gesing shared that Beacon Light has seen 1056 referrals for RTF since July 1. 2023.
 - We now have access to a female LTSR through George Jr.
 - Also have access to an Extended Acute Care unit, however, individuals must have CCBH.
 - MH and Path audits coming up.
 - Putting together and MOU for an Evictions Prevention team.
- c) **DD/EI-** Tammi Shippee gave the DD and EI update.
 - A new EI Supports Coordinator started two weeks ago.
 - An ID Supports Coordinator resigned. The position was posted and interviews held. The new person starts next week.
 - There was an unexpected consumer death last week. Staff are working with the family. This opens one Community Living waiver.
- d) **Managed Care-** Lisa Babo gave the Managed Care update.
 - The next Adult Member meeting will be held on June 5, 2024.
- e) **Human Services/Strategic Plan-** Adam McNeill gave the Human Services/Strategic Plan update.
 - It is contract season and we are working with providers.
 - Continuing to work on housing, housing supports, and expanding the transportation program.
 - Continuing to work on MAT in the jail and collaborate with Forest County on the opioid money.
- f) **Other**
 - There were no other updates.

VI CONSUMER/FAMILY CONCERNS

- Working on a tough case right now with Aging.

VII Speaker – There was no speaker.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

- Danell Sowers dismissed the meeting.
- Next Meeting is June 4, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Miller, Recording Secretary