

# FOREST WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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## ATOD/MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 1, 2024 Human Services 12:00 p.m.

**Present:** Amanda Hetrick, Pam Khare, Diane Weckerly (via Zoom)

**Absent:** Commissioner Durbin, Dr. Nichole Harrison, Dr. John John, Commissioner Kline, Judy McDaid, Mark Rhoads, Katie Sobkowski, Danell Sowers, Jessica Uber

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

**Ex-Officio:**

**Guests:** Lisa Babo, Brandy Alexander (via Zoom), Jennifer Stubbs (via Zoom), Angelica Spence (via Zoom), Kim Thurston (via Zoom), Nicole Neukum (via Zoom), Judy Baker (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 present so the minutes from February 6, 2024, the minutes from March 5, 2024, the minutes from April 2, 2024, the minutes from May 7, 2024, the minutes from June 4, 2024, the minutes from July 2, 2024, the minutes from August 6, 2024, and the minutes from September 3, 2024 could not be approved.

### III TREASURER REPORT

- No change to the balance.
- There was no quorum present so neither the request for funds or name change to the bank account could be voted on.

### IV STATISTICS – Available in packet

### V UPDATES

- a) **ATOD-** Melissa Baxter gave the ATOD update.
  - DDAP approved using ARP funds for the Red Ribbon supplies. All county schools will be getting supplies. Red Ribbon week is October 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Had the DDAP onsite QA visit on September 25<sup>th</sup> and it went very well.
  - The State approved our SAMHSA SOR (State Opioid Response) IV grant money, which is a little over \$253,000.00.
  - Prevention will be using a new gambling program in the schools called the Cyber Gambling Awareness Program.

**b) MH- Julie Lacki gave the MH update.**

- Julie attended the Beacon Light quarterly Quality Assurance meeting.
- Rachel, BHARP Community Engagement, went to the Friendship House to meet with consumers and help get the Community Support up and running.
- Chris Duncan from OMHSAS is retiring this month.
- Julie attended the Mental Health Committee meeting. Discussed the forensic initiative and wait for forensic beds. There was also a presentation on Re-entry for Forensics.
- New bulletin from OMHSAS states that Delegates must have graduate degrees or equivalent and clinical mental health experience. We have one delegate that meets the new requirements. Will be submitting a waiver request with transcripts and resumes for the rest.
- 2027 is the target date for Walk In Crisis Centers across the State.
- Psych Rehab will be brought under PA Medicaid, which will enable participants to use MATP for the service.
- 988 is in the process of routing cell calls to callers' location instead of area code of the caller.
- Adam and Julie visited Ruth Smith Center in Sheffield. Looking to come up with a plan to assist the Center.
- There are a lot of kids inpatient currently.
- We have eleven individuals at the State Hospital now and have had two diversion meetings recently.
- Continue to meet with EOC on individuals with high needs.

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

- Working on mass rate changes that were instituted over the weekend.
- Huge uptick in Covid at providers.
- No local nursing homes will take our individuals.

**d) Managed Care- Lisa Babo gave the Managed Care update.**

- Community Care has the training piece on the provider webpage now.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter member meetings have been posted.
- The Northwest CSP program is having a logo contest for members.

**e) Human Services/Strategic Plan- Adam McNeill gave the Human Services/Strategic Plan update.**

- Adam presented a restructuring proposal for the MH/ATOD/DD Advisory Board.

**f) Other**

- There were no other updates.

**VII CONSUMER/FAMILY CONCERNS**

- Adam shared that we have had significant issues this week. After a police chase from NY to PA, CYS took custody of three children when the parents were incarcerated with legal charges pending. Working to get them back to New York State to be with their natural supports.

**VIII Speaker – Brandy Alexander, Adagio Health, gave a presentation on Tobacco Free Adagio Health.**

**XI ADJOURNMENT**

- Amanda Hetrick dismissed the meeting.
- Next Meeting is November 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

*Annette Miller, Recording Secretary*