

JUNIATA VALLEY BEHAVIORAL & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Local Authorities: Boards of Commissioners of Huntingdon, Mifflin & Juniata Counties

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CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

Public Meeting October 3, 2022 Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS: PRESENT

- Cory Sisto
- Tom Weyandt
- Wendy Melius
- Commissioner Robert Postal
- Commissioner Alice Gray
- Chuck Culbertson
- Brenda Stayrook
- Commissioner Scott Walls
- Leigh Keiser
- Natasha Ufema
- Polly Digon
- Robert Digon

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

- Kathy Whalen, Administrator
- Lisa Bollinger, Administrative Assistant

BOARD MEMBERS: ABSENT

- James Drayer
- Stacey Leach
- Valerie Postal
- Cinda Welsh

The meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board (C.A.B.) was rescheduled from September 26th to October 3rd and called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Cory Sisto-interim Chair. The meeting was properly advertised and posted as per regulations. A hybrid meeting format allowed for in person attendance in the JVBDS-Large Conference Room and virtual access via the Zoom Meeting Platform and the Zoom Meeting conference line. At this time, it was determined there was a quorum. Lisa Bollinger reminded all attendees the meeting is being recorded for public record.

2. Public Comment - none

3. June 28, 2022 Minutes

Motion to approve by Charles Culbertson; seconded by Thomas Weyandt. Motion adopted unanimously.

4. Membership

The membership completed brief introductions and discussed nominations for officers for the 2023 Board. Noted terms ending 2022 are Charles Culbertson and Thomas Weyandt-Huntingdon County and James Drayer-Mifflin County. Respective County Commissioners will be notified. Commissioner Robert Postal made the motion to nominate Cory Sisto-Chair; Brenda Stayrook-Vice Chair; and Wendy Melius-Secretary; seconded by Commissioner Alice Gray. Motion adopted unanimously.

5. Committee Reports

New members of the board were asked to select a program committee to participate.

Child and Adolescent Social Service Program (CASSP): Staff Liaison is Megan Neugebauer, CAB member is Brenda Stayrook. Brenda provided brief notes from their last meeting sharing three adolescents were in Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF). The partial program located at the Huntingdon Middle School has seven students enrolled and two more pending. All school-based programs are staffed and operational at this time.

Mental Health: Staff Liaison is Bob Henry; CAB members are Robert Postal, Wendy Melius and Tom Weyandt. Kathy Whalen reported the national suicide line 988 is now live as of July. Funding is focused to enhance Crisis Services to include respite and walk-in centers. Advocates are fighting to add geolocation services to the 988 line.

Intellectual Disabilities & Autism: Staff Liaisons are Bethyln Corbin and Stacy Miller; CAB members are Chuck Culbertson and Cory Sisto. Chuck Culbertson shared staffing recruitment and retention continues to be a concern. He also suggested fostering relationships between clientele and law enforcement. Cory Sisto added IFC has an upcoming Active Shooter training scheduled for their administrative offices. More information to be shared with Administrator, Kathy Whalen.

Early Intervention: Staff Liaison is Amy Markley; CAB members are Scott Walls, Valerie Postal and Stacy Leach. Kathy Whalen reported telehealth is on schedule to end October 31, 2022 and staff are waiting guidance from the state Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL). Providers are at capacity for speech and physical therapy clients. JVBDS continues to seek and recruit new providers.

Calendar invites for the program committee meetings will be forwarded by Lisa Bollinger. The 2023 of meetings will be available mid-October to be shared with the membership.

6. Fiscal Update

- a. Kathy Whalen, Administrator presented the FY 22/23 Amendments and Contracts, noting additional monies provided to Center for Community Resources will add two Co-Responder positions to the Mifflin County Regional Police Department; one full time in their service area and the other a full-time floater for the entire county service area.

7. Program Reports

MENTAL HEALTH:

- The 2022 current Mental Health Commitment Data presented shows CRISIS services are diverting the majority of calls; however, the chart does not show the hundred plus follow up calls that are completed by the Crisis Staff. Commissioner Walls inquired about legal assistance for a constituent and was offered Mid-Penn Legal Services.

INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES/AUTISM:

- Current AUGUST 2022 report provided, noting a second page reveals the breakdown of waiver services. The state determines the number of waivers afforded to a county
- HMJ has not received any referrals for the new waiver assigned to Medically Complex Children.

EARLY INTERVENTION:

- EI intakes took a slight dip in August and back up in September with the start of school and children returning to pediatricians for well checks.
- HMJ has been recognized for its successful participation in the OCDEL mandate for Coaching. Providers' staff who participate do receive a stipend.

8. Old Business

Webpage: Data was displayed revealing the last 30 days views to the JVBDS site and the CAB page. After a review of the webpage, membership updates to be completed. On the Contact Us area, it was suggested to change it to an email address to contact with questions and/or concerns. Copies of the CAB minutes are to be added to the webpage.

9. New Business

December Meeting to be offered in person with dinner provided.

Motion to adjourn made by Brenda Stayrook; seconded by Wendy Melius. Motion adopted unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting via the hybrid model: in-person at the JVBDS Large Conference Room or via the Zoom Meeting Platform on December 5, 2022 at 4:00pm