

**CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MH/DS  
MENTAL HEALTH STATUS REPORT**

**October 2018**

**STAFFING:**

In the TCM Department we have one vacancy in the Pike Office.

**BUDGET:**

We received our allocation letter.

**PROVIDERS:**

We are contracting with Peerstar for peer services for individuals that do not have medical assistance in all three counties.

Warwick Family Services is now an in network Family Based Provider for Community Care mainly serving Carbon and Monroe Counties.

**DEPARTMENTS/PROJECTS:**

- **Administrative Case Management:**

Nothing new to report.

- **Targeted Case Management:**

Nothing new to report.

- **Forensic Department:**

We currently have 6 individuals in Norristown and we have 3 consumers officially on the wait list for admission. The individuals have been on the wait list since; 1/2018; 6/2018; and 7/2018. Monroe County Correctional Facility has submitted 3 referrals for Norristown and Carbon Correctional Facility has submitted 1 referral for Norristown.

Forensic Expansion: We submitted a request for increased funds due to the proposals for the CRR (Community Residential Rehabilitation) and SIL (Supported Independent Living) programs being much higher than we estimated. We have been approved for the increased funding and will be working with Project Transitions to develop the 6 bed CRR and the 6 SIL slots.

The RTF-A (Residential Treatment Facility – Adult) RFP was sent out on September 24 and all final proposals are due October 26, 2018. The preliminary award is scheduled for December 30, 2018.

- **CASSP:**

There are 9 youth in Community Residential Rehabilitation placements and 22 in Residential Treatment Facilities. There was 1 discharge and 4 recommendations for out of home placements.

We are attending focus groups and participating in meetings to address the barriers in access to RTF's (Residential Treatment Facilities) and CRR's (Community Residential Rehabilitation) for youth. We are also addressing the complications we are having transitioning youth in higher levels of care into the adult mental health system. We had a focus group meeting with OMHSAS (Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services) Regional Field Office to discuss the challenges that we are having and any recommendations we would make to address the challenges. Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations, Oversight Entities, staff from youth residential options and OCYF groups are all having these focus groups. On October 23, 2018 there will be a convening of representatives from all of the focus groups to look at all the challenges and recommendations in order to develop a plan to overcome these barriers.

The SOC (Systems of Care) Initiative in Carbon, Monroe, and Pike Counties through the PA Care Partnership is continuing to develop. We had a meeting in each of our three counties with all of the youth serving agencies to present the PA Care Partnership and discuss the Systems of Care grant that we received to enhance and expand this service system. We also met with the providers of Family Based and CRR Services in each of our three counties. Youth in these services and their caregivers will be surveyed by the PA Care Partnership for a research project to assess the youth service system.

- **CHIPP:**

There are currently 21 individuals in Clarks Summit State Hospital (CSSH).

There was 0 admissions, 0 diversions, 0 discharges and 2 individual are on the waiting list.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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