

Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services Advisory Board

MINUTES	JULY 23, 2018	7:00 P.M.	724 PHILLIPS STREET STROUDSBURG, PA 18360
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A meeting of the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services Advisory Board was convened on this date at 7:00 p.m. in the MH & DS Administrative Conference Room at 724 Phillips Street, Suite 202, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania and via conference call.

MEETING CALLED BY	Dr. Samuel Dolgopol and Tina L. Clymer, MS, LPC, Administrator
CHAIR	Dr. Samuel Dolgopol
RECORDING SECRETARY	Beth Bingaman-Lutz
PRESENTER	Mr. John Gething, Admissions Director, Devereux
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Dr. Samuel Dolgopol, Commissioner Moyer, Commissioner Guccini, Susan Barradale, Tom Carasiti, Suzanne McCool, Dr. Laurene Clossey, Dorothy Eberts, Eugene Pelletreau, Constance Proctor, and Elizabeth Torkildsen
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Commissioner O’Gurek
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Kimberly Chern and Beth Bingaman-Lutz

AGENDA TOPICS

PRESENTATION	Devereux Employment	Mr. John Gething, Admissions Director
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Mr. Gething started the presentation by informing the audience about the services Devereux provides. These include residential group homes, life share homes, and several day programs. The Devereux program came to the Pocono area in 1982. Mr. Gething concentrated the subject matter on the topic of small group employment. Small group employment is contained in the service definitions under the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) and funded through waiver services. About three years ago, Devereux collaborated with Spruce Lake Retreat, a local resort in Canadensis, Pennsylvania to provide some cleaning services. A partnership was developed and a new concept for providing small group employment was initiated: a crew of four workers along with one crew chief from Devereux report to Spruce Lake Retreat a couple times per week to provide cleaning and maintenance services the months of June through September. The hope for the future is for the small group employment to turn into competitive employment without any supervision needed. For the past few years, the program has been thriving and everyone is very proud of its success. Devereux continues to try to grow the program by expanding the catchment area so more individuals can be involved.

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes	Motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Elizabeth Torkildsen, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting.
Agency Reports	Ms. Clymer reviewed the Mental Health and HealthChoices reports while Ms. Chern highlighted the Developmental Services report. No motion required. Commissioner Moyer asked Ms. Clymer if she heard any legality about the Block Grants and if any comments have been issued. Ms. Clymer said she has only heard whispers but hopes to learn more while in Harrisburg this week. She will forward any notable information to the board.

OLD BUSINESS	
County Human Service Plan	Ms. Clymer stated the plan has been forwarded for final submission and is currently under review. At the next scheduled meeting the focus will be on the priorities that were developed at the beginning of the year. The goal is to assemble committees from the community and create ways to address problems related to poverty, housing, transportation, and employment.
State Budget Status	Ms. Clymer reported that the budget FY 2018-19 has been approved and signed by the governor. The agency is still awaiting for allocation letters to be received. Ms. Clymer mentioned that there is a cut in Base Funding for the Developmental Services Department. Tom Carasiti asked if Ms. Clymer was aware of decrease amount. Ms. Clymer was not sure of the exact percent but thinks the cut is slight.
Board Membership	The board welcomed its newest member, Ms. Suzanne McCool. Dr. Dolgopol appointed Ms. McCool to the Quality Assessment/Evaluation Committee. Ms. Clymer reported trying to reach Commissioner Christy because he had a suggestion for a potential candidate for the remaining open position.
The Nomination Committee will present a list of award nominees for 2018	The Nomination Committee reviewed the information regarding the individual nominees for 2018. The board agreed to the idea of having the recording secretary compile a list of information about each nominee. Sending the information out mid-August will give board members time to finalize the top three candidate.
NEW BUSINESS	
Venue for Annual Dinner	A discussion was held regarding the option to change the venue for the annual dinner. A motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Tom Carasiti and carried unanimously to have the Annual Dinner at Mullally's Restaurant on October 17, 2018.
OTHER	
Treatment for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)	Ms. McCool shared information about the segment she saw on Dr. Phil regarding a treatment for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD). Ms. Clymer said she suspects the segment was talking about a treatment called Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS).
Next Meeting	Monday, September 24, 2018
VISITORS	Mr. John Gething and Shirley Meryweather
ADJOURNMENT	Motion by Suzanne McCool, seconded by Elizabeth Torkildsen, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.
APPROVED BY	<i>Dr. Laurene Clossey, Secretary</i> <i>Laurene Clossey</i>