The **_Awareness Committee_** is planning to do several events **in all three counties**, in place of the MH Awareness Walk.

We are partnering with the Advocacy Alliance, Suicide Prevention Coalition, and the PA Partnership Systems of Care to show "Suicide: The Ripple Effect" documentary which focuses on the devastating effects of suicide and the tremendous positive ripple effects of advocacy, inspiration and hope that are helping millions heal and stay alive.

In May, we are going to have groups of staff and consumers walk a main street in each county and speak to businesses. They will ask the business if they can leave a balloon and some flyers with mental health facts in their place of business for the week. At the end of the week, they will go back and collect the balloons and flyers if there are any left.

We are getting buttons that say "I support MH Awareness" and we have contacted a few businesses in each county and are planning to have their staff wear the buttons for the month of May. We will be giving the businesses information about what this means in case patrons ask about the buttons.

We are getting coffee cup sleeves printed with the MH/DS logo and our phone numbers. We are contacting a few coffee shops in each county to put them on coffee cups. We are also considering paying for a certain amount of coffee so that the shop can give free coffee when using the sleeves.

We are registering to be a part of several events in each county to give out mental health and developmental services information. So far, we have registered to have a spot at Stroudfest in Monroe County. We are researching Carbon and Pike to find events to attend.

We have formed a Parade Committee to work on entering a parade in each county in 2020. This will be for MH/DS Awareness. We are thinking it would be most beneficial to get into the St. Patrick's Parade for Monroe County as it is very large and seems to attract the largest crowd.