

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

MINUTES	JANUARY 27, 2020	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, Chair & Tina L. Clymer, Administrator
CHAIR	Dr. Samuel Dolgopol
RECORDING SECRETARY	Beth Bingaman-Lutz
PRESENTERS	Paula Roginsky, Office Manager US Healthcare
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Ms. Susan Barradale, Mr. Tom Carasiti, Dr. Laurene Clossey, Dr. Samuel Dolgopol, Ms. Dorothy Eberts, Ms. Nellie Gordon, Ms. Amy Kirkwood Albert, Commissioner Lukasevich, Ms. Suzanne McCool, Commissioner Moyer, Mr. Eugene Pelletreau, and Ms. Elizabeth Torkildsen
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Commissioner Guccini
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Kathleen Peterson, Ellen Erb, and Beth Bingaman-Lutz

AGENDA TOPICS

PRESENTATION	Updates in Early Intervention	Paula Roginsky, Office Manager US Healthcare
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U.S. Healthcare Services is a pediatric therapy agency located in Nazareth, Northampton County. The agency provides Early Intervention Services as well as School-Based Services to children throughout 10 counties in eastern Pennsylvania. Early Intervention is designed for children from birth to 36 months with a suspected or confirmed developmental delay. County programs accept referrals and then conduct an independent evaluation to determine whether the child qualifies for services by one of the following criteria:

- ~ Child demonstrates at least a 25% delay in one or more areas of development
- ~ Child may have a specific qualifying diagnosis
- ~ Informed clinical opinion

Special instruction (including vision) and occupational, physical, and speech therapies are the main Early Intervention Services provided. School-Based Services offer hearing, visual and psychological support; counseling and behavioral support; tutoring; Personal Care Assistance (PCA) and Instructional Aide (IA); and occupational, physical, and speech therapies. In addition to face-to-face services, tele-therapy is available. Besides Early Intervention Services, the agency has services for students K-12 that attend public school and a cyber charter school.

During the presentation, information from the following slides was highlighted:

- ~ Finding the Prevalence of Developmental Disabilities
- ~ What is Contributing to the Increase
- ~ Screening Recommendations
- ~ Who and Why
- ~ Two Outlier Groups Requiring Early Intervention
- ~ Early Intervention vs. Medical Model
- ~ The Outcomes of Early Intervention
- ~ Cost Savings

Ms. Roginsky concluded by summarizing how Early Intervention Services offer significant advantages, thereby increasing the child's ability to integrate in future social environments including school, community, and ultimately employment, essentially laying a foundation that impacts the child throughout their lifetime.

ACTION ITEMS	
Minutes	Motion by Commissioner Moyer, seconded by Eugene Pelletreau, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2019 meeting.
Agency Reports	Ms. Clymer highlighted the HealthChoices, Mental Health, and Developmental Services reports. No motion required.
Financial Report for HealthChoices	Motion by Suzanne McCool, seconded by Eugene Pelletreau, and carried unanimously to accept the unaudited financial statement as of December 31, 2019.
Financial Report for MH, DS, and EI	Motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Elizabeth Torkildsen, and carried unanimously to accept the unaudited financial statement as of December 31, 2019.
Carbon-Monroe-Pike Fiscal Year 2018-19 Audit Report for HealthChoices	Motion by Dorothy Eberts, seconded by Eugene Pelletreau, and carried unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Audit Report for HealthChoices period ending June 30, 2019.
Carbon-Monroe-Pike Fiscal Year 2018-19 Annual Income & Expenditure Report with Supplemental Schedules for MH, DS & EI	Motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Tom Carasiti, and carried unanimously to accept the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Annual Income & Expenditure Report with Supplemental Schedules for MH, DS & EI period ending June 30, 2019.
Advisory Board Meeting Dates - 2020 PROPOSED SCHEDULE	Motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Dr. Laurene Clossey, and carried unanimously to accept the 2020 meeting schedule with the annual dinner venue at Mullally's Clubhouse Cafe at Glen Brook Golf Club.
OLD BUSINESS	
County Human Service Plan	Ms. Clymer reported having started the planning process for the upcoming year. Meetings are typically held in the Monroe County Area Agency on Aging Conference Room. A schedule will be announced soon and all were welcomed to attend. The group meets on a regular basis, which consists of social service agencies that come together to submit one plan based on county needs.
State Budget Status	The proposed budget is expected to be approved by Governor Wolf on February 4, 2020. Ms. Clymer said there have been rumblings that the Secretary of Human Services is on board with requesting an increase to base funds for Developmental Services and Mental Health budgets. Any Developmental Services monies would most likely be categorically tied to something specific. While Mental Health dollars will probably be linked to the Governor's new project called "Reach Out PA". In order to consider how to melt projects together, there has already been a meeting granted to discuss ideas.
NEW BUSINESS	
Welcome New Carbon County Commissioner	Dr. Dolgopol welcomed the newest member, Commissioner Chris L. Lukasevich. He will be serving on the CMP Advisory Board as the representative for Carbon County. Dr. Dolgopol reported that there is a committee vacancy that he would like filled. <u>New committee appointment</u> is as follows: ➤ Mental Health Committee – add Commissioner Lukasevich

	In addition, Ms. Clymer announced the other recently elected Board of Commissioners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sharon Laverdure for Monroe County ➤ Rocky Ahner for Carbon County
2020 Board Member List – Review/Update	The 2020 Board Member List was distributed for review and board members were asked to provide any updates by the next scheduled meeting.
OTHER	
Green Light Project	Ms. Clymer briefly explained how the Green Light Project initiative can spread Mental Health Awareness. Currently it is in the infancy stages but, once launched, the hope is that community members will be in full support.
Inclement Weather Reminder	Ms. Clymer mentioned the contact information for when inclement weather is expected so that individuals can be notified when Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services is closed, opens late, or closes early.
Next Meeting	Monday, February 24, 2020
VISITORS	Paula Roginsky
ADJOURNMENT	Motion by Suzanne McCool, seconded by Amy Kirkwood Albert, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.
APPROVED BY	<i>Dr. Laurene Clossey, Secretary</i> <i>Laurene Clossey</i>