

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

MINUTES

JULY 27, 2020

7:00 P.M.

724 PHILLIPS STREET
STROUDSBURG, PA 18360

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 GoToMeeting/conference call.

MEETING CALLED BY	Dr. Samuel Dolgopol, Chair & Tina L. Clymer, Administrator
CHAIR	Dr. Samuel Dolgopol
RECORDING SECRETARY	Beth Bingaman-Lutz
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Ms. Susan Barradale, Mr. Tom Carasiti, Dr. Laurene Clossey, Dr. Samuel Dolgopol, Ms. Dorothy Eberts, Ms. Nellie Gordon, Commissioner Lukasevich, Commissioner Moyer, Mr. Eugene Pelletreau, and Ms. Elizabeth Torkildsen
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Commissioner Guccini, Ms. Amy Kirkwood Albert, and Ms. Suzanne McCool
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Kathleen Peterson and Beth Bingaman-Lutz

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes

Motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Tom Carasiti, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the June 22, 2020 meeting.

Agency Reports

Ms. Clymer reported the agency has applied for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (**CARES**) Act funding and mentioned some of the projects likely to be funded. She detailed the breakdown of the monies requested for each of the counties as follows:

- Carbon County – \$9,400.00
- Monroe County – \$21,100.00
- Pike County – \$8,400.00

Additionally, she highlighted the status reports from HealthChoices, Mental Health, and Developmental Services Departments. No motion required.

Financial Report for HealthChoices

Motion by Dr. Clossey, seconded by Eugene Pelletreau, and carried unanimously to accept the unaudited financial statement as of June 30, 2020.

Financial Report for MH, DS, and EI

Motion by Tom Carasiti, seconded by Elizabeth Torkildsen, and carried unanimously to accept the unaudited financial statement as of June 30, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

County Human Service Plan

The plan was submitted on July 17th. Housing, transportation, and employment objectives remained, while the goal to address systemic racial and gender inequity was added. The plan was updated and the agency is awaiting feedback from the state to see if any additional information is needed.

State Budget Status

The agency is operating under a five-month budget. Ms. Clymer reported that as a result of the trauma and everything related to the pandemic, behavioral health remains a top priority. Due to the higher demands for behavioral health needs, there continues to be lobbying with government officials to recognize the impact facing our system for providing these services. While the agency awaits additional information from the governor's office, the forecast for the remainder of the budget will mostly likely be flat funding.

C-M-P MH/DS Advisory Board 2020 Award Dinner and Nominations	<p>Dr. Clossey announced the four nominations for this year's awards. The board was reminded that the recording secretary will be sending the information about each nominee to board for the August meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Clymer opened a discussion regarding having the dinner this year due to COVID-19 concerns. Dr. Dolgopol suggested the board finalize thoughts and tabled the discussion until next month.</p>	
Next Meeting	Monday, August 24, 2020	
VISITORS	Shirley Meryweather	
ADJOURNMENT	Motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Commissioner Moyer, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.	
APPROVED BY	<i>Tina L. Clymer, MS, LPC</i>	