

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

<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>AUGUST 24, 2020</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>724 PHILLIPS STREET STROUDSBURG, PA 18360</b>
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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 GoToMeeting/conference call.

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

<b>Minutes</b>	Motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Dorothy Eberts, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2020 meeting.
<b>Agency Reports</b>	Ms. Clymer highlighted the HealthChoices, Mental Health, and Developmental Services reports. No motion required.

**OLD BUSINESS**

<b>County Human Service Plan</b>	Ms. Clymer informed the board that the plan was accepted without any revisions needed. Comments were made regarding the hard work done by staff and they were thanked for their efforts.
<b>State Budget Status</b>	No new information was presented regarding the budget. The agency has received allocation deposits for the five-month budget but is still waiting for the letters. Ms. Clymer reported the continued efforts regarding asking the state to adjust the Mental Health budget needs. The concerns stem from counties having more responsibilities due to state initiatives and are not likely to see revenue increases.
<b>C-M-P MH/DS Advisory Board 2020 Award Dinner and Nominations</b>	After reviewing the governor's policies and concerns related to COVID-19, Ms. Clymer explained her reasoning behind cancelling the dinner portion of meeting scheduled in October. A recommendation made by Dr. Dolgopol was to have an awards ceremony during the meeting so recipients can attend to accept their award. Board members were in agreement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

<b>Suicide Prevention Month</b>	September is National Suicide Awareness Month. The Commissioners were praised for providing a proclamation declaring September Suicide Prevention Month in Carbon, Monroe, and Pike Counties. Ms. Clymer named a few of the activities that will be happening next month. The agency is planning a virtual yoga class, a second virtual sing-a-long, and those involved with Aavidum, a suicide prevention program, will be placing multiple mobile yard signs in an effort to raise awareness in communities.
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<b>Next Meeting</b>	Monday, September 28, 2020	
<b>VISITORS</b>	None	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Laurene Clossey, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.	
<b>APPROVED BY</b>	<i><b>Tina L. Clymer, MS, LPC</b></i>	