

**CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MH & DS****JOINDER BOARD MINUTES - DECEMBER 14, 2020 MEETING**

A meeting of the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services Joinder Board was convened by Commissioner Wayne Nothstein, President, on this date at 9:31 a.m. via virtual meeting (GoToMeeting).

Present were Commissioner Wayne Nothstein, President; Commissioner John Christy, Vice President; Commissioner Matthew Osterberg, Financial Officer; Commissioners Chris Lukasevich, Sharon Laverdure, John Moyer, and Ronald Schmalzle; Attorney Gerard Geiger; Tina Clymer, Administrator; Kathleen Peterson, Fiscal Officer; Jeff Hartzell, HealthChoices Administrator; and Mary Fisher O'Brien, Secretary. Absent were Commissioners Rocky Ahner and Steven Guccini.

**OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MH & DS JOINDER BOARD**

**MINUTES.** Motion by Commissioner Schmalzle, seconded by Commissioner Moyer, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2020 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Osterberg, seconded by Commissioner Lukasevich, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2020 meeting.

**Financial Report for MH, DS, and EI.** Motion by Commissioner Moyer, seconded by Commissioner Christy, and carried unanimously to approve the unaudited financial statements as of October 31, 2020.

**Financial Report for HealthChoices.** Motion by Commissioner Lukasevich, seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, and carried unanimously to approve the unaudited financial statement as of October 31, 2020.

**HEALTHCHOICES**

**General Update.** Alternative Payment Arrangements for the providers continue, adding the halfway houses. As part of the new requirements for 2021 and incorporating the social determinants of health in conjunction with a community based organization, Mr. Hartzell has had discussions with the United Way of the Poconos, the preferred partner at this time, to ensure outcomes are improved for members who are discharged from psychiatric facilities. They are working on barriers to housing to prevent return to an inpatient unit. HealthChoices has also met with MH/DS' Targeted Case Management Department to discuss the Community Based Care Management program. Mr. Hartzell reported that contract development is in process with Community Care to continue the next eight years. Mr. Hartzell has submitted his review to the solicitor. The contract is expected to be ready for submission to the Joinder Board at the February meeting. Ms. Clymer read an email from the Pennsylvania Association of County Administrators (PACA) that a bill was reintroduced by Senator Kristen Phillips Hill to eliminate the Carve Out.

**CY 2021 Budget for HealthChoices.** Starting January 1, 2021, HealthChoices' budget is changing to a calendar year.

Motion by Commissioner Osterberg, seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, and carried unanimously to approve the Calendar Year 2021 budget for HealthChoices.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Administrator's Report.** Ms. Clymer provided an update on Developmental Services' billing method that was questioned by the Office of Developmental Programs. Survey results show that every Supports Coordination Department run by the county and a number of private Supports Coordination Units across Pennsylvania use the same billing method as MH/DS. ODP's results are forthcoming. If ODP requires CMP to reimburse the amount in question, \$38,000 is the potential impact requested from the current fiscal year (back to July 1). Consumers are experiencing tele-health fatigue and want to return to face-to-face visits. This is important to prevent our consumers from declining.

Motion by Commissioner Moyer, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure, and carried unanimously to accept the Administrator's Report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of FY 2020-21 Contract and Addenda for MH, DS EI.** Motion by Commissioner Schmalzle, seconded by Commissioner Lukasevich, and carried unanimously to approve the FY 2020-21 contract and addenda for MH, DS, and EI listed on Attachment 1.

**Ratification of Personnel Actions.** Motion by Commissioner Lukasevich, seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, and carried unanimously to ratify the personnel actions listed on Attachment 2.

**Ratification of MH, DS, EI Paid Bills.** Motion by Commissioner Christy, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure, and carried unanimously to ratify payment of bills from November 2, 2020 to November 23, 2020, (Check Nos. 075659 to 075679 and ACH Nos. E00688 to E00822) amounting to \$1,694,029.39.

**Ratification of HealthChoices Paid Bills.** Motion by Commissioner Moyer, seconded by Commissioner Christy, and carried unanimously to correct the year on the agenda from 2019 to 2020 and to ratify payment of bills from October 26, 2020 to December 7, 2020, (ACH Nos. E00826 to E00839. Reinvestment Check Nos. 3105 to 3106) amounting to \$11,875,543.87.

**Ratification of Payroll.** Motion by Commissioner Osterberg, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure, and carried unanimously to ratify payroll checks from October 30, 2020 to November 27, 2020, amounting to \$670,074.19.

**MH/DS County Meetings with Commissioners.** Commissioners agreed to have the MH/DS County Meetings scheduled virtually in 2021.

**SEIU 668 Collective Bargaining Agreement Extension.** Union members agreed to extend the collective bargaining agreement by one year due to the restrictions from the pandemic.

Motion by Commissioner Christy, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure, and carried unanimously to extend the collective bargaining agreement one year to August 31, 2022.

**Management and Supervisory Staff Benefits.** Motion by Commissioner Osterberg, seconded by Commissioner Lukasevich, and carried unanimously to extend the benefits package for management and supervisory staff parallel to the bargaining unit members.

**Election of Officers.** Motion by Commissioner Nothstein, seconded by Commissioner Lukasevich, and carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Moyer to the position of President.

Motion by Commissioner Schmalzle, seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, and carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Guccini to the position of Vice President.

Motion by Commissioner Nothstein, seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, and carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Lukasevich to the position of Financial Officer.

**Meeting Dates for 2021.** Motion by Commissioner Osterberg, seconded by Commissioner Moyer, and carried unanimously to approve the 2021 Joinder Board Meeting dates and holidays.

**Administrator's Performance Review.** As discussed at the October Joinder Board Meeting, the Commissioners will finalize Ms. Clymer's performance review during Executive Session.

**Approval of UC Trust Participation Agreement.** Motion by Commissioner Moyer, seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, and carried unanimously to approve the updated Unemployment Compensation Trust Participation Agreement subject to Solicitor's review and approval.

**Executive Session.** Motion by Commissioner Osterberg, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure, and carried unanimously to enter into executive session at 10:29 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, and carried unanimously to return to regular session at 10:52 a.m.

**Adjournment.** Motion by Commissioner Osterberg, seconded by Commissioner Moyer, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina L. Clymer, MS, LPC  
Administrator