

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

MINUTES	FEBRUARY 22, 2021	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 GoToMeeting/conference call.

MEETING CALLED BY	Dr. Laurene Clossey, Secretary & Tina L. Clymer, Administrator
CHAIR	Dr. Samuel Dolgopol
RECORDING SECRETARY	Beth Bingaman-Lutz
PRESENTERS	Suzanne Makary, MT-BC Supervisor of Partial Hospitalization Programs, Behavioral Health, St Luke's University Health Network
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Ms. Susan Barradale, Mr. Tom Carasiti, Dr. Laurene Clossey, Commissioner Guccini, Ms. Amy Kirkwood Albert, Commissioner Lukasevich, Commissioner Moyer, Mr. Eugene Pelletreau, and Ms. Elizabeth Torkildsen
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Dr. Samuel Dolgopol, Ms. Nellie Gordon, Ms. Dorothy Eberts, and Ms. Suzanne McCool
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Kathleen Peterson, Jennifer Williams, and Beth Bingaman-Lutz

AGENDA TOPICS

PRESENTATION	St Luke's University Health Network Behavioral Health Services	Suzanne Makary , MT-BC Supervisor of Partial Hospitalization Programs Behavioral Health St Luke's University Health Network
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The presentation outlined Partial Hospitalization Services through St Luke's University Health Network, how they impact Carbon, Monroe and Pike counties, and some of the initiatives taking place. The following slides were highlighted:

- ⦿ What We Know As Health Care Professionals
- ⦿ Behavioral Health Services at St Luke's
 - Inpatient Hospitalizations
 - Outpatient Services
 - Integration Program
 - School Based
 - Partial Hospitalizations
 - The Partial Level of Care Criteria
 - Common Partial Treatment Goals
 - Who attends Partial

Ms. Makary reviewed how to make a referral for services; the contact person, Jaimon Joseph; and what types of insurances are accepted. In closing, she revealed the initiative on the horizon hoping to bring more services to the Carbon County area. St. Luke's is going to be the biggest acute-care hospital, which is projected to open Spring 2022. This project will allow for the expansion of Partial and Outpatient Behavioral Health programs at the current Lehighon site.

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes	Motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Elizabeth Torkildsen, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting.
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Agency Reports	<p>Ms. Clymer added a few remarks related to the programs. They are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Developmental Services Department, there has been an increased need for residential services. Emergency waivers are requested to assist individuals when supportive service options are exhausted. • Legislators have submitted a bill to end the HealthChoices behavioral health “carve-out” program in Pennsylvania. Fortunately, this year there are less sponsors in support of the bill. Ongoing efforts continue to educate representatives on the importance of preserving the “carve-out” program as it currently exists. • Approximately 70% of CMP staff has been vaccinated. • Progress is being made toward vaccinating residential staff and individuals living in a residential setting. <p>Additionally, she highlighted the status reports from HealthChoices and Developmental Services. Jennifer Williams reviewed Mental Health. No motion required.</p>
Financial Report for HealthChoices	Motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Tom Carasiti, and carried unanimously to accept the unaudited financial statement as of January 31, 2021.
Financial Report for MH, DS, and EI	Motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Commissioner Moyer, and carried unanimously to accept the unaudited financial statement as of January 31, 2021.
By-Law Changes ARTICLE VI Meetings of the Advisory Board	Motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Tom Carasiti, and carried unanimously to accept the revision statement to match the current practices and update the by-laws’ language to: The advisory board shall hold monthly public meetings beginning in July of each fiscal year. The meeting frequency requirement is at least once per quarter. A quorum shall be a simple majority.
OLD BUSINESS	
County Human Service Plan	<p>The goals of the planning team remain consistent. These include: housing employment, transportation, and Systemic Racial and Gender Equity. Ms. Clymer mentioned that our System of Care group held a training called The Urgency of Awareness, taught by Jodi Pfarr, which addresses disparities. This training covers many disparities that someone may experience in their lives. It will be mandatory for all CMP staff to attend this training. The hope is to assist our agency to take a closer look at ourselves, what the agency can do differently, or better, to be more welcoming and responsive to community needs. Everyone was invited to attend the next meeting on March 4, 2021 at 2:00 PM. All were reminded that the schedule for 2021, link, and instructions for joining the meeting was provided previously.</p>
State Budget Status	Governor Wolf’s proposed budget is for level funding. Ms. Clymer reviewed the collaborative efforts being made to create a proposal to the state, which advocates for the state to commit to increasing budget funding over the next three to five years. Having a long-term budget in place will enable agencies to expect funding which will allow for better planning for the individuals we serve in our community.
OTHER	
CMP Newsletter	Board members remarked about how informative and beautifully put together the newsletter was done.
Next Meeting	Monday, March 22, 2021

VISITORS	Suzanne Makary and Shirley Meryweather
ADJOURNMENT	Motion by Eugene Pelletreau, seconded by Elizabeth Torkildsen, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.
APPROVED BY	<i>Tina L. Clymer, MS, LPC</i> 