

CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MH & DS**JOINDER BOARD MINUTES - APRIL 26, 2021 MEETING**

A meeting of the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services Joinder Board was convened by Commissioner John Moyer, President, on this date at 9:30 a.m. via virtual meeting (GoToMeeting).

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

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

MINUTES. Motion by Commissioner Nothstein, seconded by Commissioner Christy, and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting.

Financial Report for MH, DS, and EI. Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Commissioner Nothstein, and carried unanimously to approve the unaudited financial statements as of March 31, 2021.

Financial Report for HealthChoices. Motion by Commissioner Christy, seconded by Commissioner Lukasevich, and carried unanimously to approve the unaudited financial statement as of March 31, 2021.

One-time Employee Bonus. Ms. Peterson reported that the maximum allowable 12 percent of appropriations were used to fund providers, and reviewed CARES funding allocations over the past year. Commissioners discussed during Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Moyer to deny the one-time employee bonus. Commissioner Laverdure opposed. Motion passed.

HEALTHCHOICES

General Update. Mr. Hartzell reported that the membership has been slowly increasing; currently at 67,000 members. There may be a change once the moratoriums are lifted. The Alternative Payment Arrangements (APA) are due to expire June 30th; they are currently evaluating data to consider continuing them. Providers who have been receiving the APAs are required to conduct an audit showing how they used the funds. Current billing levels are back to pre-pandemic numbers, except for the face-to-face services. Telemedicine is expected to continue, particularly tele-psychiatry. Community Care has contracted with United Way of the Poconos to work across the three counties to assist with housing and transportation. Mr. Hartzell will be attending the next Regional Accountable Health Care Council Meeting. He was successful in getting Michael

Tukeva, Executive Director of United Way of the Poconos on the Executive Committee. Intensive Behavioral Health Care Services providers are increasing.

ESSA Line of Credit. Ms. Peterson reported that there is still no activity on the Line of Credit; however, she anticipates requesting approval for the first draw at the June meeting. MH/DS and HealthChoices' lines of credits are maturing in August.

Six-Month Contract Extension through 12/31/2021 for HealthChoices Actuarial Consulting Services. Ms. Peterson reported that the actuary would like to extend the current rate for the six-month extension from June 30 to December 31, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Nothstein, seconded by Commissioner Guccini, and carried unanimously to accept the actuary's six-month extension at the same rate.

Calendar Year Ending 2022, 2023, and 2024 Contract for HealthChoices Actuarial Consulting Services. The actuary is proposing an increase of 3.7 percent for 2022, 2023, and 2024 to an annual fee of \$80,700.

Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, and carried unanimously to accept the contract for actuarial consulting services for 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Approval of Reinvestment Addenda for HealthChoices listed on Attachment 1. Motion by Commissioner Nothstein, seconded by Commissioner Guccini, and carried unanimously to accept the reinvestment addenda listed on attachment 1.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of FY 2020-21 Addenda for MH, DS EI. Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, and carried unanimously to approve the FY 2020-21 addenda for MH, DS, and EI listed on Attachment 2.

Ratification of Personnel Actions. Motion by Commissioner Osterberg, seconded by Commissioner Nothstein, and carried unanimously to ratify the personnel actions listed on Attachment 3.

Ratification of MH, DS, EI Paid Bills. Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Commissioner Lukasevich, and carried unanimously to ratify payment of bills from January 25, 2021 to April 12, 2021, (Check Nos. 075724 to 075782 and ACH Nos. E01032 to E01327) amounting to \$2,618,160.86.

Ratification of HealthChoices Paid Bills. Motion by Commissioner Osterberg, seconded by Commissioner Nothstein, and carried unanimously to ratify payment of bills from February 22, 2021 to April 19, 2021, (ACH Nos. E00861 to E00879. Reinvestment Check Nos. 3109-3111.) amounting to \$18,156,075.40.

Ratification of Payroll. Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Commissioner Nothstein, and carried unanimously to ratify payroll checks from February 19, 2021 to April 16, 2021, amounting to \$890,320.06.

Advisory Board Membership Vacancy. Dr. Dolgopol, Advisory Board Chairman, received a letter of resignation from Board Member, Thomas Carasiti, who has moved out of the area. Commissioner Moyer reminded the Pike County Commissioners need to make recommendations to fill his vacant position.

County Human Service Plan Public Hearing. Ms. Clymer invited the commissioners to attend the Public Hearing to announce and receive public comments on the FY 2021-22 County Human Service Plan for Carbon, Monroe and Pike Counties on June 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. This meeting will be held via GoToMeeting.

Mental Health Awareness Month. No further discussion. Prior to the start of the meeting, Jennifer Fuente reviewed the activities that the agency has planned for May in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month.

Lease for 10 Buist Road, Suite 404, Milford. Motion by Commissioner Nothstein, seconded by Commissioner Lukasevich, and carried unanimously to table the motion to the next meeting. Ms. Peterson will speak with landlord to further negotiations.

Executive Session. Motion by Commissioner Osterberg, seconded by Commissioner Guccini and carried unanimously to enter into executive session at 10:35 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Nothstein, seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, and carried unanimously to return to regular session at 10:44 a.m.

Adjournment. Motion by Commissioner Guccini, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina L. Clymer, MS, LPC
Administrator