

**JOINDER BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2023
SHARWELL BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Richard Mirabito, Tony R. Mussare, Scott L. Metzger from Lycoming County and Commissioners Angela Harding and Jeff Snyder from Clinton County were in attendance.

Staff: Keith Wagner – Joinder Executive Director; Matt Salvatori - CYS Administrator; Emma Thompson – Joinder Administrative Officer; Ryan McKeirnan – Joinder Human Services Director; Aundrea Trautner – Joinder Administrative Assistant; and Jon DeWald – Joinder Solicitor.

Guests: Barbara Vanaskie – West Branch Drug & Alcohol Abuse Commission; Patricia Crossley- Williamsport Sun Gazette; Aimee Tsikitas – Community Services Group; Emily Hulse- Community Services Group; and Casey Monaghan-Public Guest.

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board was Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Mirabito, Joinder Board President. Zoom/call in is available for today’s meeting and some guests were in attendance via this option.

ELECTION OF JOINDER BOARD OFFICERS:

Mr. Dewald noted that in accordance with the Joinder’s By-Laws, a Slate of Officers is to be elected at the January meeting to serve for the calendar year. It was noted that all the current Officers were eligible to serve for an additional term. The current Officers indicated they would be willing to remain in their current roles if nominated and elected. Commissioner Mussare Moved and Commissioner Harding Seconded a Motion that:

“The current Slate of Officers be re-appointed for calendar year 2023: Commissioner Richard Mirabito - Joinder Board President; Commissioner Jeffrey A. Snyder - Joinder Board Vice President, and Commissioner Scott L. Metzger - Joinder Board Treasurer.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mirabito assumed his role as President and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Commissioner Snyder Moved and Commissioner Mussare Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the minutes from the December 21, 2022, Joinder Board meeting as presented by staff.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET UPDATES:

Budget Update July 2022-September 2022 Mental Health (MH), Intellectual Disability (ID), and Early Intervention (EI) Services – Mr. Wagner noted that the budget update presented would be for the first quarter of FY 2022-2023. Intellectual Disability services was under budget by \$43,144.68. Both Mental Health and Early Intervention services were over budget, however by September of 2022 approximately only 22% of the revenue for these services had been received

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS FY 2022-2023

Mental Health Services Renewal Agreements

Mr. Wagner noted that there were 3 Renewal Agreements on today's agenda for Community Services Group (CSG) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The Renewal Agreement for EPC/Boarding Home and Residential Services offers housing programs for individuals transitioning to the community from state mental hospitals and provides preventative programs to avoid state hospital admissions. Three individuals currently reside at this facility. The Renewal Agreement for Clubhouse services through CSG supports individuals without medical assistance and allows them to participate in socialization programs within the community. The Renewal Agreement for Outpatient Mental Health Services helps support individuals without medical assistance who require outpatient therapy. These services are provided on an as needed basis. Commissioner Snyder Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the following Renewal Agreements pertaining to mental health services with the Lycoming-Clinton Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Program for the period 7/1/22 to 6/30/23:

Mental Health Services

- ***Community Services Group***
Renewal Agreement for EPC/Boarding Home Residential Services in the amount of \$359,594.00;
- ***Community Services Group***
Renewal Agreement for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (Clubhouse), Social Rehabilitation Services, Supported Employment Services in the amount of \$95,100.00;
- ***Community Services Group***
Renewal Agreement for Outpatient Mental Health Services in the amount of \$20,000.00.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

Intellectual Disability Services Renewal and Amendment Agreements

Mr. Wagner noted that there was 1 Renewal Agreement and 1 Amendment Agreement on today's agenda for intellectual disability services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The Renewal Agreement for Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. provides respite, companion, in-home, and community support services for ID consumers living at home. Medicaid Waiver funding will pay for these services and the county will cover the cost for individuals without Medicaid funding.

There was a discussion regarding possible future participation in the Superstars program. The question was posed regarding the availability of a clubhouse facility for ID consumers. Mr. Wagner stated there is not a clubhouse facility for ID consumers. There was a movement to prevent segregation of individuals with intellectual disabilities and allow them to seek socialization within their local communities. Community support is available for those individuals who wish to attend these programs. Commissioner Mussare Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the following Renewal and Amendment Agreement pertaining to intellectual disability services with the Lycoming-Clinton Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Program for the period 7/1/22 to 6/30/23:

Intellectual Disability Services Renewal

- *Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for Respite, Companion, In-Home, and Community Support Services for consumers living at home in the amount of \$44,000.00;*

Intellectual Disability Services Amendment

- *Onewell, LLC (formerly Supports Coordination Group, LLC, d/b/a PAHM) change in Legal Entity Business Name effective 01/01/2023. No change to contract amount of \$5,100.00.”*

The Motion passed unanimously.

Joinder JCIS info. Technology (Income) Renewal Agreements

Mr. Salvatori noted that there was 1 provider Renewal Agreement on today’s agenda pertaining to the providing of services related to the Joinder Clinical Information System (JCIS) database for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Commissioner Snyder Moved and Commissioner Mussare Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the following Renewal Agreement pertaining to the providing of services related to the Joinder Clinical Information System (JCIS) database for the period 7/1/22 to 6/30/23:

Joinder: JCIS Info. Technology (Income)

- *Montour County Children and Youth Services for IT Services – JCIS (5.22%) in the amount of \$12,181.53.”*

The Motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Healthchoices Reinvestment Agreements

Mr. Wagner noted that there were 4 provider Reinvestment Agreements on today’s agenda pertaining to HealthChoices for Calendar Year 2023. Mr. Wagner discussed the increased need for Telehealth services in the mental health community. These agencies identified a need for

telephone systems, camera setups, and other technological equipment to improve their ability to provide Telehealth services. Commissioner Metzger Moved and Commissioner Snyder Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the following Reinvestment Agreements for Provider Technology Enhancement between the Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board, on behalf of its Lycoming-Clinton HealthChoices Program for the period 1/1/23 to 12/31/23:

- ***BLaST Intermediate Unit 17** in the amount of \$4,895.00;*
- ***Community Services Group** in the amount of \$31,804.00;*
- ***Keystone Counseling and Evaluation Services** in the amount of \$3,973.00;*
- ***Skills of Central Pennsylvania, Inc.** in the amount of \$11,900.00.”*

The Motion passed unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST NOTICE:

Mr. Wagner noted that he would be presenting a ‘Conflict of Interest Notice’ for signature by the Joinder Board, himself as Executive Secretary for the Board, and Matt Salvatori as the Assistant Executive Secretary. Commissioner Mussare Moved and Commissioner Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve that each member of the Joinder Board, in addition to the Board Executive Secretary and Assistant Executive Secretary, will review and sign the Conflict of Interest Notice as presented by staff.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS, NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

Name Placards

Commissioner Snyder requested that moving forward placards or tent cards be made available to all meeting participants. By providing name plates it will make it easier to identify the participating individuals. It was also discussed that in the future progress and information reports be made to the board from Joinder staff and other community service providers on a frequent basis. This will give community members and board members a better understanding of the services performed and provided by the Joinder and its contracting agencies. Commissioner Snyder Moved and Commissioner Mussare Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve that each participant be provided with a name placard for the purposes of identification at all future Joinder Board and Executive Committee meetings.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

Funding Challenges

A discussion was opened by Commissioner Mussare regarding government funding for drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs. He noted his concerns surrounding the investment of funds for individuals who may not desire to participate in these treatment programs and have a history of non-compliance. Mr. Wagner stated that Medical Assistance and HealthChoices is required to fund these services regardless of treatment outcome. He also commented that federal laws require mental health treatments be regarded with the same importance as standard medical treatments. Commissioner Mirabito expressed concerns that providers of mental health services are not receiving adequate funding and individuals may be not receiving equal treatment in regard to the availability of cutting-edge practices. He inquired on the types of cutting-edge services available and encouraged people to explore funding strategies on how we can offer these services in our local community. Commissioner Mirabito noted that policy makers need to be made aware of the funding challenges for mental health services. Commissioner Mussare advocated for more evidence-based programs that rely on gathered data proving positive results in specific treatment plans. Commissioner Harding agreed that data is crucial in discovering optimal and successful treatments for drug/alcohol and mental health programs. It was agreed upon by other participating board members that funding for more preventative services may have a larger impact on members of the local community. Mr. Wagner discussed that in the mental health world the definition of success does not necessarily correlate to a cure, but the ability for one to maintain a healthy and productive lifestyle while handling their diagnosis.

Sharwell Building Lease

Mr. Monaghan indicated he would like to make some public comments. He expressed his concern that the Joinder make sure to notify the landlord of the Sharwell Building of their intent to remain or move from the Sharwell by the deadline date specified in the lease. Commissioner Mirabito noted that the deadline to notify the landlord of a lease extension was June of 2023. Commissioner Metzger mentioned a meeting held with the current landlord, Mr. John Albarano. He noted that Mr. Albarano was very informative and helpful in sharing some of the history of the Sharwell building. While there have been some preliminary discussions regarding possible moves to other county owned buildings, as well as renovations, there is no official update regarding a decision currently.

Commissioner Mirabito inquired if there were any additional questions or comments from the guests who were in attendance. With nothing further presented, it was noted that the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the Clinton County Commissioners' Office Building in Lock Haven, PA. It was further noted that there would be a Lycoming and Clinton County CYS Agencies Meeting held prior beginning at 9:00 a.m.

With no further business presented before the Joinder Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith A. Wagner, Executive Director
Joinder Board Secretary