

JOINDER BOARD MEETING

APRIL 20, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Richard Mirabito; Commissioner Scott Metzger; and Commissioner Tony Mussare from Lycoming County and Commissioner Jeffrey Snyder; Commissioner Angela Harding and Commissioner Miles Kessinger from Clinton County were in attendance.

Staff: Keith Wagner – Executive Director/MH-ID Administrator; Matt Salvatori - CYS Administrator; Jim Hicklin – County MH Director; Rae Weber – CSI MH Manager; Jacque Miller – HealthChoices Director; Vanessa Shellman – HealthChoices Clinical Manager; Deanna Kimble – HealthChoices Quality/Clinical Manager; Cathy Bennett – Administrative Assistant; Charles Greevy III. and Jon DeWald - Joinder Solicitors. **Guests:** Jennifer Colon – Recovery Community Connection; Shea Madden – West Brach Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission; Rob Labatch - Hope Enterprises, Inc.; Aimee Tsiktas – Community Services Group; and Carole Gilberti and Peg Wesneski – Community Care Behavioral Health Organization.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was Called To Order at 9:05 a.m. by Commissioner Mirabito, Joinder Board President.

A meeting of the Joinder Board’s Lycoming County Children and Youth Services Standing Committee was not scheduled for this month at 8:30 a.m. as there were no pressing agenda items that needed to be addressed.

Coffee and donuts were provided for this meeting and a receipt was submitted to the fiscal department.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PRESENTATION – OVERVIEW OF RECOVERY COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Mr. Wagner noted that this month’s presentation topic was mental health services and Jennifer Colon, the Executive Director of Recovery Community Connection, was present via Zoom to provide an overview of her program. Ms. Colon noted that the program is located at 1784 East Third Street and it serves men and women in various stages of recovery, all of whom have committed themselves to being a source for positive change in the community. She noted that their recovery can pertain to mental health challenges or recovery from addiction, including alcohol and other drugs. She added that they are a member of ARCO, the Association of Recovery Community Organizations. Two individuals who are involved at RCC, Jon and Jonathan, spoke about their experiences at the Center. They both stressed that RCC works on creating goals for their recovery plan and that multiple pathways of recovery are offered and discussed. Both expressed their appreciation for the support and guidance they have received at RCC and for the inspiration they have received to have power over their own recovery. Ms. Colon noted that the RCC is working on obtaining certified peer support services and thanked the Joinder Board and its HealthChoices Program for their funding support during their start up period. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Colon for the valuable work her program is providing to the community and offered best wishes to Jon and Jonathan for their continued success within the program.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Commissioner Snyder Moved and Commissioner Mussare Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the minutes from the February 16, 2022 Executive Committee meeting as presented by staff.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET UPDATES

FY 2021-2022 Mental Health (MH), Intellectual Disability (ID), and Early Intervention (EI)

Budgets - Mr. Wagner noted that the Board had requested quarterly updates, rather than monthly reports, so that they could get a fuller picture of the budget. He noted that this month’s report covers 50% of the fiscal year and that Mental Health is running slightly under budget. He added that Intellectual Disability is doing very well and Early Intervention is right on budget.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:

Mental Health Services: FY 21-22 Agreements

Mr. Wagner presented a new Agreement with STEP for transportation services for individuals receiving mental health services who are not covered by Medical Assistance funding and need transportation to places like doctor or counseling appointments, grocery store, etc. As our casework staff cannot bill for transporting, it is not something they do on a regular basis for their consumers and this service will be of benefit to both the caseworker and the consumer.

Commissioner Mussare Moved and Commission Metzger Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between the Lycoming-Clinton Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Program and the Lycoming-Clinton Counties Commission For Community Action (STEP, Inc.) for transportation services in the amount of \$500.00 for the period 4/12/22 to 6/30/22.”

The Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wagner presented a renewal Agreement with Service Access & Management, Inc. for our crisis staff to provide after hours call screening for their Targeted Casemanagers. This Agreement provides income for the Joinder and the current Agreement was set to expire 4/30/22 as we had anticipated transferring the provision of crisis services to the Center For Community Resources (CCR). Since there has been a delay for CCR in securing a facility to operate from, we will continue to provide after hour call screening services for SAM until the transition of our crisis services to CCR. When this occurs, SAM will contract directly with CCR. Commissioner Metzger Moved and Commissioner Mussare Seconded a Motion to:

“Approve the renewal Purchase of Service Agreement between the Lycoming-Clinton Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Program and Service Access & Management, Inc. (SAM) for our crisis unit to field initial on-call Targeted Casemanagement calls and forward them to the SAM on-call worker in the amount of \$500.00 (\$10.00/call - income) for the period 5/1/21 to 6/30/22.”

The Motion passed unanimously.

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (HSAB) APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Salvatori noted that Nancy Penfield had submitted an application of interest to become a member of the HSAB. He added that Ms. Penfield has a nursing background and is a current volunteer with CASA. Commissioner Metzger Moved and Commissioner Mussare Seconded a Motion to:

“Appoint Nancy Penfield to the Lycoming-Clinton Human Services Advisory Board (Children and Youth Sub-Committee) with a term ending 6/30/25.”

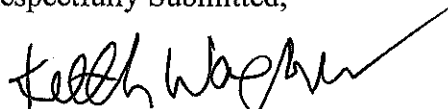
The Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS, NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Mirabito inquired if there were any additional questions or comments from the Board or the guests who were in attendance. Commissioner Snyder noted that the Human Services Advisory Board had met on 4/13/22 and discussed the need for additional mental health funding. He noted that he has talked with Lisa at CCAP about the possibility of organizing a bus to bring individuals to Harrisburg to meet with legislators to express this concern. Keith noted that the HSAB members agreed to meet again on 5/18/22 to continue discussions. It was noted that the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board is also scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 18th at 9:30 a.m. at the Clinton County Commissioners’ Office Building. A meeting of the Lycoming County Children and Youth Standing Committee has been scheduled to begin just prior to this meeting at 9:00 a.m. and a meeting between the Lycoming and Clinton County Children and Youth Agencies has been scheduled for 9:10 a.m. at this same location.

With no further business presented before the Joinder Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Keith A. Wagner, Executive Director
Joinder Board Secretary